
FOLSOM POLICE DEPARTMENT

E-BIKE ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

January 2026

E-BIKE CLASSIFICATION

CA VC – An electric bike is a bicycle equipped with fully operable pedals and an electric motor that does not exceed 750 watts of power.

- Class 1: Motor provides assistance only while pedaling, up to 20 mph.
- Class 2: Has a throttle for motor-assisted riding without pedaling, up to 20 mph.
- Class 3: Motor provides assistance only while pedaling, up to 28 mph.

Know the Rules Before You Ride!

Class 1 E-Bike

Red light or reflector required, day or night



Pedal assist

- No age restriction
- Max speed: **20 mph**
- Helmet required under **18**
- Bike lanes & trails OK

Class 2 E-Bike

Red light or reflector required, day or night



Pedal assist and throttle

- No age restriction
- Max speed: **20 mph**
- Helmet required under **18**
- Bike lanes & trails OK

Class 3 E-Bike

Red light or reflector required, day or night



Pedal assist

- Riders must be **16+**
- Max speed: **28 mph**
- **Helmet required for all**
- Bike lanes & trails OK

E-Scooter



- **16+** with permit or license
- **No passengers**
- Max speed: **15 mph**
- No riding on sidewalks

Moped / Motorized Bicycle



- Driver's license required
- Must be registered & plated
- DOT helmet required
- Not allowed on bike trails

E-Motorcycle



- Must be registered with DMV
- DOT helmet required for all riders.
- Off road use **only unless** street legal and license plate



FREE E-BIKE SAFETY COURSE:

Learn the rules and ride safe!



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OFF-HIGHWAY E-MOTORCYCLES

- Is designed by the manufacturer for operation primarily off the highway.
- Is powered by an electric motor for which a motor number is not required.
- Has handlebars for steering control.
- Has a straddle seat provided by the manufacturer.
- Has two wheels.
- Is not equipped with pedals from the manufacturer.
- Off-highway e-motorcycles that do not have headlights, taillights, blinkers, mirrors, reflectors, or a horn may not be driven on the street, sidewalks, bike trails, bike lanes, or bike paths.



Street-legal e-motorcycles require registration, license plate, and riders to have an M1 or M2 endorsement.

E-BIKE LAWS IN CA

Restrictions on paths: CA Vehicle Code 21207.5 - Class 3 e-bikes (and motorized bicycles) are prohibited on bike paths, trails, bikeway, equestrian trail, hiking or recreational trail unless it is adjacent to a roadway or permitted by ordinance. Local ordinance may be used to prevent the use of all electric vehicles on such paths.

Assembly Bill 544: Mandates a red reflector or solid flashing light with built in reflector displayed to the rear during all hours of the day. This bill also allows for a CHP on-line bicycle course to fulfill the safety course requirement for minors who receive a ticket for a helmet violation on an e-bike.

Pending Legislation: Assemblymember Papan. Early stages of legislative process. Would redefine what is an e-bike and clarify that the 750-watt limit applies to peak motor power. Those that exceed this peak limit would be reclassified as motor-driven cycles.

E-BIKE LAWS IN CA

Pilots in Marin and San Diego Counties

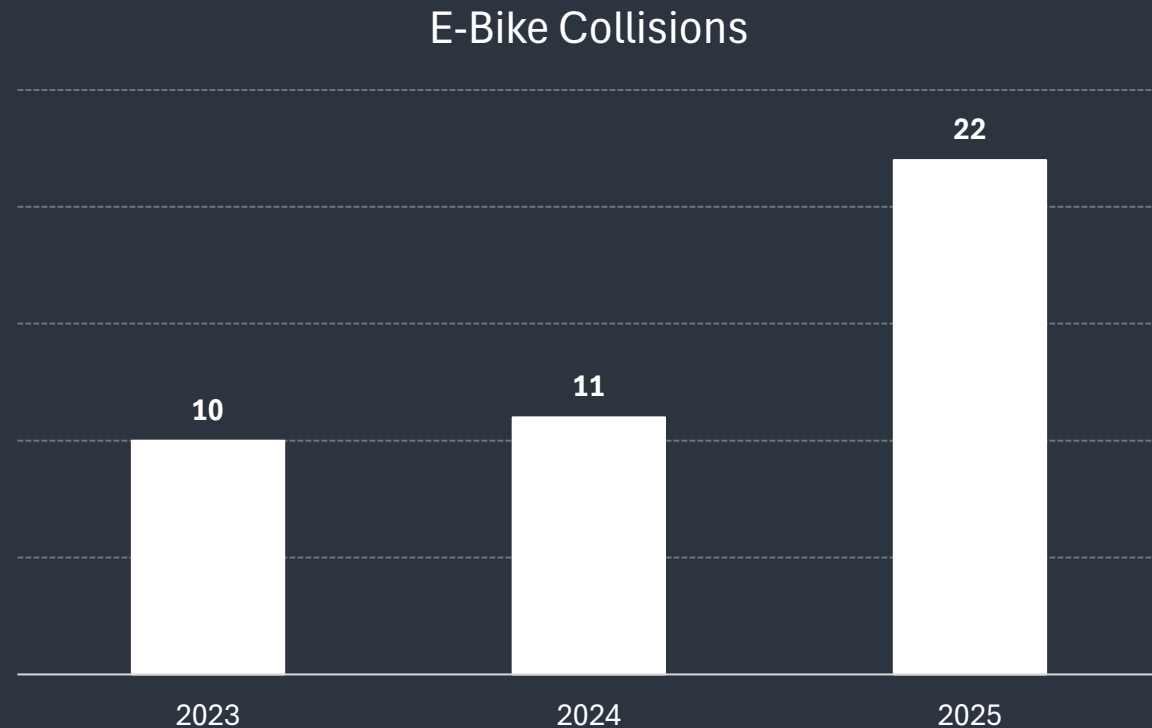
Through Assembly Bills 1778 and 2234.....both Marin and San Diego counties were granted the ability to pilot the use of municipal code to increase restrictions on the use of e bikes.

- Marin County: Prohibits people under the age of 16 from riding a class 2 e-bike and requires a helmet until January 1 of 2029.
 - San Diego County: Prohibits people under the age of 12 from riding a class 1 or 2 e-bike until January 1, 2029.
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E-BIKE COLLISIONS 2023-2025

- 72% of e-bike collisions involved juveniles
- 70% of the collisions the e-bike was at fault
- 100% increase from last year



MEDICAL DATA

- Current Research and Data
 - Disproportionate number of children are impacted by injuries associated with e-bikes.
 - National emergency-department data shows electric bike injuries doubled between 2017 and 2022
 - Hospitalization is more than twice as likely for e-bike injuries compared to bicycles
 - Helmet usage is very low and helmet compliance for e-bike riders is less than that to traditional bicycles
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2025 EDUCATIONAL AND ENFORCEMENT CAMPAIGNS

SUTTER MIDDLE SCHOOL: OCTOBER 7TH & JANUARY 7TH

FOLSOM MIDDLE SCHOOL: OCTOBER 9TH & JANUARY 10TH

ENFORCEMENT AND EDUCATION

On-going partnership with the school district

Community education

On-going enforcement with guides for officers



THANK YOU

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