



ELECTRIC BIKES:

A GUIDE TO

**LEGAL, SAFE,
& POLITE RIDING**



**WISCONSIN
BIKE FED**



**WHERE
AND HOW
TO RIDE YOUR E-BIKE**



**LOCAL ORDINANCES VARY
ACROSS MUNICIPALITIES.**

**ON SIDEWALKS:
STATE LAW SAYS
NO RIDING ON
SIDEWALKS.**

WHEN ALLOWED, ALWAYS:

- .YIELD TO PEOPLE WALKING -OR- USING MOBILITY ASSISTING DEVICES.
- .RIDE AT A REASONABLE AND PRUDENT SPEED
- .USE AN AUDIBLE SIGNAL SUCH AS A BELL -OR- YOUR VOICE TO ALERT OTHERS BEFORE ATTEMPTING TO PASS.
- .RIDE WITHOUT THE MOTOR ENGAGED.
- .BE PREPARED TO STOP AT ALL TIMES.



**ON MULTI-USE TRAILS:
MULTI-USE TRAILS
ARE FOR USERS
OF ALL AGES &
ABILITIES.**

E-BIKE RIDERS SHOULD ALWAYS:

- .OBEY SPEED LIMITS AND TRAIL SIGNS
- .SLOW DOWN AROUND OTHERS.
- .VOICE -OR- BELL TO ALERT OTHERS
OF YOUR PRESENCE -OR- INTENTION TO PASS.
- .RIDE ON THE RIGHT, PASS ON THE LEFT.

TRAIL RULES VARY
CONSULT LOCAL ORDINANCES
FOR THE MOST ACCURATE
INFORMATION.



ON ROADS: — — — — —
**E-BIKES ARE LEGAL &
INTENDED USERS OF THE ROAD.**

- E-BIKE RIDERS MUST FOLLOW ALL STATE & LOCAL RULES FOR RIDING.
- HELMETS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO BE WORN ON EVERY RIDE.
- RIDE ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ROAD WITH TRAFFIC.
- OBEY ALL TRAFFIC SIGNS & SIGNALS.
- USE HAND SIGNALS AND EYE CONTACT TO COMMUNICATE WITH OTHER ROAD USERS.
- BE VISIBLE & PREDICTABLE.

**WisDOT RULES
FOR RIDING BICYCLES ON THE ROAD:**



THE 3 CLASS SYSTEM FOR LEGAL E-BIKES IN WISCONSIN

CLASS 1 | CLASS 2 | CLASS 3

PEDAL ASSIST
ONLY

**THROTTLE-
ASSIST**

PEDAL ASSIST
ONLY

- LESS THAN: 750 WATTS (1HP)
- OPERATIONAL PEDALS TWO OR THREE WHEELS



**SPEEDOMETER
REQUIRED**
AND OPERATOR MUST
BE 16 YEARS OF AGE.



E-SCOOTERS:

Legal E-scooters have a max speed of 20 mph. Low speed e-scooters are generally able to be operated in the same places as bikes are and must follow all traffic laws. Local municipalities may differ. Consult local ordinances before buying or riding an e-scooter.



E-MOTOS

THESE ARE NOT E-BIKES!

These vehicles go faster, have non functional pedals, require licensing, insurance, registration, and have age limits for legal operation. These are not allowed on sidewalks, multi-use paths, or in bike lanes.

**KNOW WHAT YOU ARE BUYING
AND ITS CLASSIFICATION.**



WHERE TO BUY AN ELECTRIC BICYCLE

Your local bike shop is the best place to purchase a legal and safe e-bike. Buying local lets you test out different styles and get assistance in finding one that fits your needs. The mechanics are trained and certified in servicing specific brands. They may not be able, due to insurance and training, to service a bike you bought online or from a large retailer. They can also handle any warranties or recalls.



**EXPLORE OUR BIKE SHOP MAP
TO FIND ONE CLOSE TO YOU:**



RESOURCES



**BUILT FOR SAFETY:
E-BIKES SAFETY VIDEO**



**OUR HUB FOR UPDATES
ON E-BIKES IN WISCONSIN**



**THIS GUIDE
AND OTHER DIGITAL BIKE
SAFETY EDUCATIONAL ASSETS**

The Bike Fed's mission is to foster and unite active communities to advance cycling and walking in Wisconsin through education, legislation and infrastructure.

Legal E-bikes are a great way to replace car trips, get people active, and expand riding range. With great power comes great responsibility. We encourage potential buyers to understand all aspects of the product they are considering buying to ensure its safe and legal usage.



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