

# CALIFORNIA'S E-BIKE LAWS



## ELECTRIC BICYCLE DEFINED:

A bike equipped with fully operable pedals and electric motor of less than 750 watts. There are three classes of electric bikes.



### CLASS 1

PEDAL ASSIST  
UP TO 20 MPH

### CLASS 2

PEDAL ASSIST AND  
THROTTLE ASSIST  
UP TO 20 MPH

### CLASS 3

PEDAL ASSIST  
UP TO 28 MPH  
OPERATORS MUST  
BE 16 YEAR OR OLDER  
AT ANY AGE A HELMET  
IS REQUIRED

## PROPER HAND SIGNALS WHEN RIDING A BIKE



## CALIFORNIA E-BIKE LAWS FOR THE ROAD

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## COMMON CALIFORNIA BIKE LAWS

Stop at all red lights and stop signs

MOST SERIOUS CYCLING INJURIES (89%)  
OCCUR AT INTERSECTIONS.

Ride in the direction of traffic

THAT IS WHERE PEOPLE EXPECT TO SEE YOU.

Be seen to avoid a collision

USE A WHITE HEADLIGHT TO THE FRONT AND  
A RED TAIL LIGHT TO THE REAR AT NIGHT.

Yield to pedestrians

PEOPLE WALKING MAY NOT HEAR OR SEE  
YOU COMING. YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS TO  
ALL PEDESTRIANS IN CROSSWALKS.

One person per bike

MORE THAN ONE RIDER IS ALLOWED IF  
ADDITIONAL SEATING IS INSTALLED.

Under 18, helmet required

ANYONE OPERATING UNDER THE AGE OF 18  
IS REQUIRED TO WEAR A PROPERLY FASTENED  
HELMET

Hand signals are required

WHEN RIDING AN E-BIKE YOU MUST INDICATE  
ANY TURNING MOVEMENT WITH THE  
PROPER HAND SIGNAL

Refer to the California Vehicle Code for additional laws surrounding  
E-Bikes and bicycles (CVC 21200 and CVC 312.5)





## **IN LAGUNA BEACH...**

### **YOU CAN:**

1. Ride your bike on any public street following all the rules of the road.
2. Ride in any designated bike lane.
3. Ride a Class 1 or Class 2 if under 16 years old.
4. Ride a Class 3 if 16 years of age or older. A helmet is required at any age.

### **YOU CANNOT:**

1. Ride on any city sidewalk.
2. Ride on the Main Beach boardwalk.
3. Ride in any city park. (ex: Heisler Park, Main Beach Park)

**Refer to Laguna Beach Municipal Code 10.02.020 for additional information**