

ELECTRIC BICYCLE ENFORCEMENT

All classes of electric bicycles fall under the same California Vehicle Code (CVC) rules as regular bicycles.

21200.2 CVC – DUI on a bicycle

21201(d)(1) CVC – White headlamp visible to 300' required during darkness

21203 CVC – Bicycles/e-bikes cannot be pulled by a vehicle

21204(b) CVC – Passenger not riding on permanent seat (sitting on handlebars)

21210 CVC – Must use bicycle lane when marked

21212(a) CVC – Helmets, required under 18 years old

21650.1 CVC – Bicycles travel in the same direction as Traffic

Definitions

When the code refers to “highway” it includes city streets, county roads, and any publicly maintained street. **See 360, 527, 555 CVC.**

ELECTRIC SCOOTER ENFORCEMENT

All classes of electric scooters fall under the same CVC rules as regular bicycles.

21221 CVC – Scooters are subject to same laws as a driver of a vehicle

21228 CVC – Must ride against right shoulder

21235(c) CVC – Person under 18, helmet required

21235(d) CVC – Valid driver’s license or permit required

21235(e) CVC – No passengers in addition to the operator

21235(g) CVC – No riding on sidewalk

21235(i) CVC – May not park scooter on sidewalk

22411 CVC – Scooter may not exceed 15 mph

See 21000-21300 CVC for additional laws.

E-MOTOS, E-BIKES, & E-SCOOTERS

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE



For more information visit the **Salinas Police Department** at www.police.salinas.gov.



E-motos, e-bikes, and e-scooters are regulated under the **California Vehicle Code**. This guide explains some of the laws and restrictions across the State of California.

E-MOTORCYCLES

436.1 CVC

Electric off-road motorcycle. Equipped with foot pegs not pedals. Illegal to operate within city limits.



E-Moto Enforcement and Tow Authorities

Violation		Tow Authority
Operating an E-moto within city limits	➔	22651.08(A) CVC Hold for 48 hours
(Optional) 4000(a)(1) CVC Unregistered vehicle	➔	22651(o)(1) CVC Unregistered vehicle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires OHV Registration for Release
23103(a) CVC Reckless driving	➔	23109.2(a)(1) CVC 30 Day Hold <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requires OHV Registration for Release Requires Tow Hearing for Release

ELECTRIC BICYCLES

312.5(a) CVC

A bicycle, but electric. Has pedals like an ordinary bicycle.



CLASS #1

- Any age can ride
- Helmet required under 18 years old
- Maximum motor assist speed of 20 mph
- **No throttle**

CLASS #2

- Any age can ride
- Helmet required under 18 years old
- Maximum motor assist speed of 20 mph
- **Thumb throttle** on handlebars

CLASS #3

- Minimum age of 16 years old
- **Helmet required**
- Maximum motor assist speed of 28 mph
- **No throttle**
- Equipped with a speedometer

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ELECTRIC SCOOTERS

407(a) CVC

Two-wheeled with handlebars and a floorboard to place your feet. No pegs or pedals.



- Requires driver's license - Any class
- **Helmet required under 18 years old**
- May not exceed **15 mph**
- May not be ridden on sidewalk

ELECTRIC SKATEBOARDS

313.5 CVC

Electrically motorized board.



21968(a) CVC - Electric skateboards may not be operated within city limits.

Questions?

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