

ELECTRIC BICYCLE ENFORCEMENT

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

21200.2 CVC (M) – DUI on a bicycle

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

21203 CVC (1) – Bicycles/e-bikes can not be pulled by a vehicle

21204(b) CVC (1) – Passenger not riding on permanent seat (sitting on handlebars)

21210 CVC (1) – Must use bicycle lane when marked

21212(a) CVC (1) – 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 Salinas Police Department at www.police.salinas.gov



E-motors, 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

Electric off-road motorcycle
436.1 CVC

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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