E-BIKES VS E-MOTOS

KNOW THE DIFFERENCE

CLASS 3 E-BIKE:

- Riders must be at least 16 years old.
- Riders must wear a bicycle helmet.
- Reach top pedal-assisted speed of 28 mph.



E-MOTOS:

- NOT allowed on streets, sidewalks, bikeways, trails, or parks.
- If ridden illegally on the street, they are subject to citation and impoundment.
- Designed primarily for off-highway use. Allowed to use on private property.
- Riders & passengers must wear a DOT-approved motorcycle helmet.



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E-BIKE:

- Fully operable pedals & functioning brakes.
- Electric motor of 750 watts or less.
- Have a manufacturing label showing Class 1, 2, or 3.
- Allowed on public streets.

E-MOTORCYCLE:

- Does not have manufacturer-provided pedals.
- Not permitted in bike lanes, sidewalks, or trails.



- Self-propelled and goes faster than 30 miles per hour.

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