

E-bike Rules



What is an e-bike?

E-bikes are a type of bicycle that provide electric motor assistance. Legal e-bikes must comply with the requirements below.

Light and standard e-bike

Light e-bikes do not allow a throttle, whereas standard e-bikes do.



Pedals or a hand crank are the primary source of power. Motors provide assistance only.



Light e-bike
maximum continuous motor output up to **250 watts**

Standard e-bike
maximum continuous motor output up to **500 watts**



Light e-bike motor assistance up to **25 km/h**

Standard e-bike motor assistance up to **32 km/h**

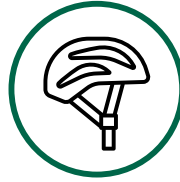
Device can only be ridden faster under human power.

Devices that do not meet these requirements are illegal and cannot be used on roads or shared paths. Significant fines and penalties may apply.

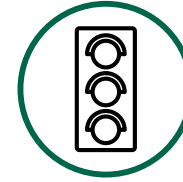
Penalties may also apply to anyone who allows an illegal device to be used—for example, a parent or guardian who provides one to a child.

Key rules to follow

E-bike riders must follow the same road rules as all other cyclists. This includes obeying traffic signs and signals, and following all right-of-way rules.



Always wear a helmet



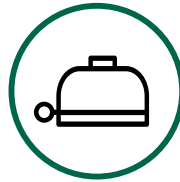
Follow general road rules



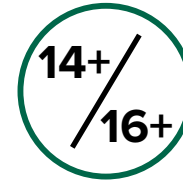
Yield to pedestrians



Stay at the scene of a collision and exchange details



Warn other road users when approaching



Light e-bike riders must be at least **14 years old**

Standard e-bike riders must be at least **16 years old**



Leave your phone alone



No riding on sidewalks or where cycling is prohibited

No riding in parks or trails unless signage permits



Only carry passengers if your bike is designed to do so



Don't drink and ride

Ride Smart Penalty Guide

The Violation	Penalty
Not wearing a helmet	\$29+
Carrying a passenger (No doubling)	\$109+
Riding in prohibited areas (sidewalks/parks)	\$109+
Underage rider	\$109+
Not yielding to pedestrians	\$167+
Ignoring stop signs	\$167+
Ignoring traffic lights	\$167+
Using an electronic device	\$368+
Riding while impaired	\$368+
Riding an illegal device	\$598+

Fines are determined and issued by law enforcement officers. The total penalty may be higher than the amounts listed above, as multiple charges may apply under the BC Motor Vehicle Act and other applicable laws and regulations.



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