

Minimum age and maximum wattages for e-bikes

- Minimum age to operate e-bikes: standard e-bikes (500W) is 16 years old; light e-bikes (250W): 14 years old;
- Maximum speed: standard e-bikes (32km/hr); light e-bikes (25 km/hr);
- E-bikes with a battery over 500W are not permitted except for off road.

Note – a person under 14 year old cannot ride any e-bike.

Safety guidelines and rules of the road for e-bike riders

E-bikes does not have a separate set of e-rules when it comes to the way of the road.

Under the *Motor Vehicle Act*, cyclists must follow the same regulations as drivers, including obeying road signs and traffic signals.

- Always wear a helmet;
- Use lights and reflectors when riding at night or in low-visibility conditions;
- Cyclists must ride as close as possible to the right side of the roadway;
- Hand signals must be used to indicate turns;
- Only one person per bicycle is permitted;
- Riding on sidewalks is prohibited;
- Respect pedestrians and other road users.

E-Scooters

- Rider must be 16 years or older;
- Must wear a helmet;
- Battery power cannot exceed 500 watts;
- Weight cannot exceed 45 KG, including motors and batteries;
- Max speed 25 Km/h;
- Rider must be 16 years or older;
- Must have a braking system that can stop the device travelling at maximum speed within 7.5 meters. The motor must also stop when the accelerator is released or brakes applied;

- Must have Front and rear lights to operate after sunset;
- Not permitted on a numbered highway (this includes Main Street);
- Not permitted on roads that have a speed limit above 50 km/hr.

E-dirt bikes not permitted

E-dirt bikes cannot be driven on any public roadway. E-dirt bikes are only permitted for off-road use or on private property.

Applicable fines:

- No insurance – approximately \$598;
- No driver's licence – approximately \$276 and demerit points;
- No helmet – approximately \$138; and
- Additional violations such as driving without due care or consideration.
- In some cases, riders may also be subject to vehicle impoundment or criminal charges, including dangerous operation of a motor vehicle.

E-dirt bikes are not insured, which means riders — **and in the case of youth, their parents — may be held personally liable for damages if a collision occurs.**

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