

E-Bike Safety

E-Bike Laws

- E-bikes are given the same rights as a bicycle (WI Statute 346.806); therefore, E-bikes must abide by all traffic laws, signs, and signals.
- E-bikes may be ridden on the roadway and sidewalks and must follow the guidelines provided in WI Statutes 346.80, 346.803, 346.804, & 346.806.
- When riding E-bikes on a roadway, operators shall ride as close as practicable to the right-hand edge or curb and shall exercise due care when passing a standing or parked vehicle or a vehicle proceeding in the same direction.
- When riding E-bikes on a sidewalk, operators shall yield the right of way to any pedestrians. City ordinance prohibits bicycles from operating on sidewalks on High Street between Iowa Street and Commerce Street.
- E-bikes must be equipped with a front white light and rear red reflector if operating during hours of darkness.
- No person under the age of **16 years old** may operate an electric bicycle with throttle power that reaches speeds up to 28mph (currently Class 3 e-bike).

E-Bike Safety Tips

- Operators should wear a helmet.
- Be cautious at intersections and yield the right of way to pedestrians & vehicles.
- Operate at safe speed. This is dependent on your capability and traffic/road conditions.
- Avoid riding in heavily populated areas.



Bicycle and E-Bike Violation Penalties

Police officers will be on the lookout for safety violations. We believe that education is more important in helping to solve the safety issues that have been observed. If a rider continues to violate safety rules and the rules of the road, a citation will be issued.

CITATION AMOUNTS

Riding bicycle on High Street sidewalk:

- 12-13 years old \$10.00
- 14-17 years old \$150.10
- Adults \$150.10

Rules of the road violations:

- 12-13 years old \$100.00
- 14-17 years old \$263.50
- Adults \$263.50

2nd offense within 1 year:

- 12-13 years old \$150.00
- 14-17 years old \$326.50
- Adults \$326.50



Electric Scooter Safety

WHAT IS AN ELECTRIC SCOOTER?

Under Wis State 340.01(15ps), an electric scooter is:

- A device weighing <100 lbs.
- Has Handlebars & an electric motor.
- Powered solely by its electric motor.
- Max speed of not more than 20mph on a level paved surface.

ELECTRIC SCOOTER LAWS

Electric Scooters are governed under Wis Stat 346.80, 346.803, & 346.805.

- Scooters must follow all vehicle traffic laws, signs, and signals.
- Ride as far to the rights as safely possible and exercise due care.
- Operators can operate on the sidewalk or roadway. They must yield right of way to pedestrians and vehicles.
- Must give audible signal when passing in the same direction to other pedestrians, scooters, bicycles, and personal mobility devices.
- Must be equipped with a front white light and rear red reflector if operating during hours of darkness.

SAFETY TIPS

- Operators should wear a helmet
- Be cautious at intersections and yield the right of way to pedestrians & vehicles.
- Operate at a safe speed. This is dependent on your capability and traffic/road conditions.
- Avoid riding in heavily populated areas.

