

# Safe Routes Parent-Student E-bike Safety Contract

Riding an e-bike is a privilege and comes with increased responsibility due to its increased speed and maneuverability challenges.

This contract dated [ ] between [Tween/Teen's Name] and [Adult's Name] ensures the safe operation of an e-bike by said Teen.

By adhering to the agreements herein, [ Tween/Teen ] is permitted to operate the specified e-bike. All parties agree this privilege is revocable, not a right, and non-compliance will lead to disciplinary action, including potential suspension of e-bike privileges.

I [ Tween/Teen ] have reviewed the following with my parent and agree to:

- ☐ I understand my parents may be financially and legally liable for any incidents, activities, or accidents involving my e-bike which may not be covered by insurance (up to 18 years of age).
- ☐ I will work with my parent to choose a legal and safe e-bike brand appropriate for my age and riding ability. I will avoid non-compliant e-bikes with motors exceeding 750 watts.
- ☐ I agree that I will only ride an e-bike that is legal for my age and not allow others to use my e-bike without [ Parent's ] permission.



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## BE PREPARED

- ☐ I will commit to wearing a securely buckled helmet. If my e-bike is built for carrying a passenger, I will ensure my passenger will as well.
- ☐ I will check my e-bike brakes, tires, battery and lights and report any maintenance needs before use.

## FOLLOW LAWS

- ☐ I will ride solo unless my e-bike is specifically built to carry passengers (long "banana" seats are illegal for multiple passengers).
- ☐ I will adhere to legal speed limits on roads
- ☐ On pathways, I will ride to the right and give pedestrians the right of way.
- ☐ I will not ride on sidewalks and instead, will choose quiet streets recommended for riding on the road. (Many jurisdictions have laws against riding bicycles on sidewalks)
- ☐ I will take turns with vehicles at intersections after coming to a complete stop at stop signs.
- ☐ I will ride on the right hand side of the road WITH the flow of traffic and will not pass, or weave in and out of vehicles.
- ☐ I will use hand signals for turning right, left and stopping and will scan for on-coming traffic when merging onto roads and changing lanes.
- ☐ I will ride single file as far right as is practicable, using the bike lane if provided.

## BE ALERT

- ☐ I will keep my eyes up and focused on the road and surroundings at all times.
- ☐ I will not hold my phone, beverages or other objects in my hands.
- ☐ I will not ride with earbuds/phones (only one earbud is permissible by law, but none is advised for children under 18).
- ☐ I will avoid talking or texting on the phone when driving my e-bike.

## NO STUNTS, RECKLESS OR AGGRESSIVE RIDING

- ☐ I will never alter the speed of my e-bike to go faster than 20 mph and will not alter my brakes to do stunts (e.g. wheelies).
- ☐ I will refrain from dangerous activities such as speeding or stunts on streets, sidewalks, pathways and other public areas. I agree that such activities are only allowed on private property under adult supervision.
- ☐ I will never drive my e-bike in a way that may endanger or threaten others, such as pedestrians or other cyclists, whether intentional or not.
- ☐ I will not race away from law enforcement if being cited for a traffic violation. Instead, I will accept full responsibility for my mistakes and actions.

**I commit to these guidelines for my safety and others while riding my e-bike.**

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## RECOMMENDED IN THE EVENT OF "NEAR MISS" OR AN ACCIDENT:

- 1. Stop! Do not flee the scene; check that no one has been injured, even if you are fine.**
- 2. Check yourself and others for injuries and move to a safe location away from traffic if possible.**
- 3. Call 911 if there are injuries**
- 4. Get names of all involved – in California, you must report the accident to the Department of Motor Vehicles within 10 days if someone was injured.**
- 5. Seek medical attention; some injuries like head trauma or internal bleeding are not always obvious or appear right away. Check your helmet for dents or any indication that you might have a concussion.**

CLASS	TYPES OF E-BIKES	Max Speed	Age Requirement
Class 1	Pedal assisted motor <b>750 watt motor maximum</b>	20 mph	None Helmets required for under 18 year olds.
Class 2 *	Throttle assisted motor (no pedaling required) <b>750 watt motor maximum</b>	20 mph	16 year old in Marin Helmets required for all ages
Class 3 *	Pedal assisted motor <b>750 watt motor maximum</b>	28 mph	16 year old in Marin Helmets required for all ages

**\* The e-bike is non-compliant and illegal with CA state laws if the motor exceeds 750 watts or if the bike can go faster than the Class designated speed limits of 20 or 28 mph; it is illegal to ride on public roads and pathways.**