



E-bikes, E-scooters and E-motos

Speed Changes Everything

E-bikes (electric bicycles), e-scooters (electric scooters) and e-motos (electric motorcycles or dirt bikes) are becoming more popular with kids and teens. They go much faster than regular bikes and scooters, so they can be more dangerous. Crashes can cause very serious injuries or death.

Who Should Ride?

- Children younger than 12 **should not ride** e-bikes, e-motos or e-scooters.
- Kids ages 12 to 15 may ride **only a Class 1 e-bike** if a parent feels they are ready and can ride safely.
- Kids 16 years and older may ride e-bikes and e-scooters. They may ride e-motos if they are registered and the rider has a license.

What Kind of Helmet Should Your Child Wear?

A regular bike helmet may not protect your child in a high-speed crash. Choose a helmet made for faster speeds. Look for one with one of these safety labels on the inside liner of the helmet:

- ASTM F1952
- NTA 8776
- DOT

Every rider should wear a properly fitted, speed-rated helmet every time they ride.

How Can You Help Your Child Ride Safely?

Help keep your child safe by making sure they:

- Wear a helmet every ride.
- Wear closed-toe shoes.
- Wear bright clothing.
- Use lights if you ride when it is getting dark.

- Know the rules of the road.
- Watch for people walking and for cars.
- Keep their phone put away.
- Do not wear earbuds or headphones while riding.
- Never carry another person on an e-bike or e-scooter.
- Follow local rules for riding.

Is Your Child Ready?

Think about if your child can:

- Follow traffic rules.
- Always pay attention.
- Stay off their phone while riding.
- Make safe choices, even when friends are around.

You can ask yourself:

Would I trust my child to safely ride a motorcycle or moped?

If the answer is no, your child is probably not ready for an e-bike, e-scooter or e-moto.

childrenswi.org/safetycenter
safetycenter@childrenswi.org

