

Alternative Vehicle Information



SAN DIEGO POLICE DEPARTMENT

This brochure summarizes the information and regulations regarding Alternative Vehicles.

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Electric Bicycles
312.5(a) CVC



This definition applies to **electric bikes with functional pedals ONLY** with an output of **less than 750 watts**. Electric bicycles must follow the same rules of the road as bicycles [21200 CVC]. Only Class 1 and Class 2 electric bicycles may be ridden in Class 2 Bikeways and the rider must not endanger the safety of bicyclists [21209(b) CVC].

Electric bicycles have now been divided into three different categories: Class 1, Class 2 and Class 3.

Class 1: Pedal assisted only
Maximum speed of 20 MPH

Class 2: Throttle assisted only
Maximum speed of 20 MPH

Class 3: Pedal assisted only
Maximum speed of 28 MPH
Must have a speedometer.

Laws and Regulations

- Bikeways (bike path & bike lane) prohibited.
21207.5(a) CVC
- Must be 16 years old but **NO DL required**
21213(a) CVC

Bicycle helmet required (includes passengers)
21213(b) CVC

Electrically Motorized Board 313.5 CVC



This device is commonly known as a Hoverboard and can be operated almost anywhere a pedestrian can walk, unless prohibited by local ordinance. Hoverboards may be operated in a Class 2 or Class 4 Bikeway.

Laws and Regulations

- Must be 16 years old but **NO DL required** *21291 CVC*
- Bicycle helmet required *21292 CVC*
- Required equipment during darkness *21293(a), (b), (c) or (d) CVC*
- Restricted to 35 MPH streets or slower *21294(a) CVC*
- Speeding (15MPH maximum) *21294(b) CVC*
- DUI on an Electrically Motorized Board *21296(a) CVC*

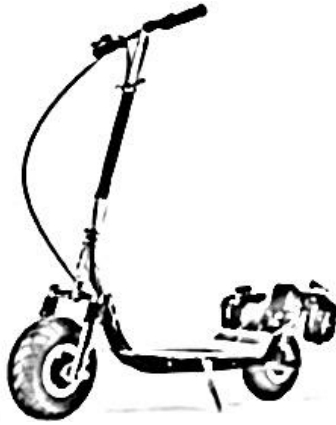
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Northeastern Division	(858) 538-8000
Northern Division	(858) 552-1700
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Motorized Scooters 407.5(a)(b) CVC



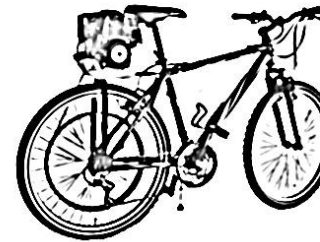
Motorized scooters (electric or gas-powered) may be operated on public roadways **without registration or insurance** as long as they are either in a marked bike lane or on a street with a speed limit of 25 MPH or slower.

Laws and Regulations

- DUI Regulations apply to motorized scooters
21221.5 CVC
- Lights are required during darkness
21223(a)(1), (2), or (3) CVC
- Required use of marked Bike Lane
21229(a) CVC
- Restricted to streets limited to 25 MPH or slower 21235(b) CVC

- Bicycle helmet required
21235(c) CVC
- Valid Driver's License or Permit required 21235(d) CVC
- May not ride on sidewalk
21235(g) CVC
- May not exceed 15 MPH 22411 CVC
- Must use right hand edge of roadway – 21228(b) CVC
- Must dismount and cross on foot as a pedestrian for left turn –
21228(a)(2) CVC
- Must have a brake – 21235(a) CVC
- No passengers allowed – 21235(e) CVC
- 21235 (f) Operate a motorized scooter carrying any package, bundle, or article that prevents the operator from keeping at least one hand upon the handlebars.
- Handlebars must be below shoulder level – 21235(h) CVC
- Cannot park and block sidewalk with scooter – 21235(i) CVC
- Cannot attach to another vehicle – 21235(j) CVC

Mopeds and Motorized Bicycles 406(a) CVC



This definition applies to gas powered bicycles with working pedals and electric bicycles **without pedals** which are capable of traveling at a maximum speed of 30 MPH. These Mopeds are required to be registered and insured, and the operator must possess a Class M2 motorcycle license. Mopeds **may** be ridden in bike lanes, but the rider must ride in a manner that does not endanger the safety of bicyclists (21209(b) CVC).

Laws and Regulations

- Special DMV plate required
5030 CVC
- M2 license required
12500(b) CVC
- Insurance required
16028(a) CVC
- Motorcycle helmet required
27803(b) CVC
- Lighting and Equipment requirements
24015(a) or (b) CVC
- Bike path or Bikeway prohibited
21207.5 CVC