



# E-Bikes

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- E-Bikes are bicycles with a battery-powered electric motor that provides assistance
- Electric scooters and electric motorcycles are not E-Bikes
  - There are several different classifications of E-Bikes depending on capabilities
- If they don't meet the classification of an E-Bike, they are a motorized bicycle and a license is required

# Not E-Bikes

Must have driver's license or  
permit










Must have motorcycle license,  
registration and insurance







# E-BIKE CLASSIFICATION COMPARISON

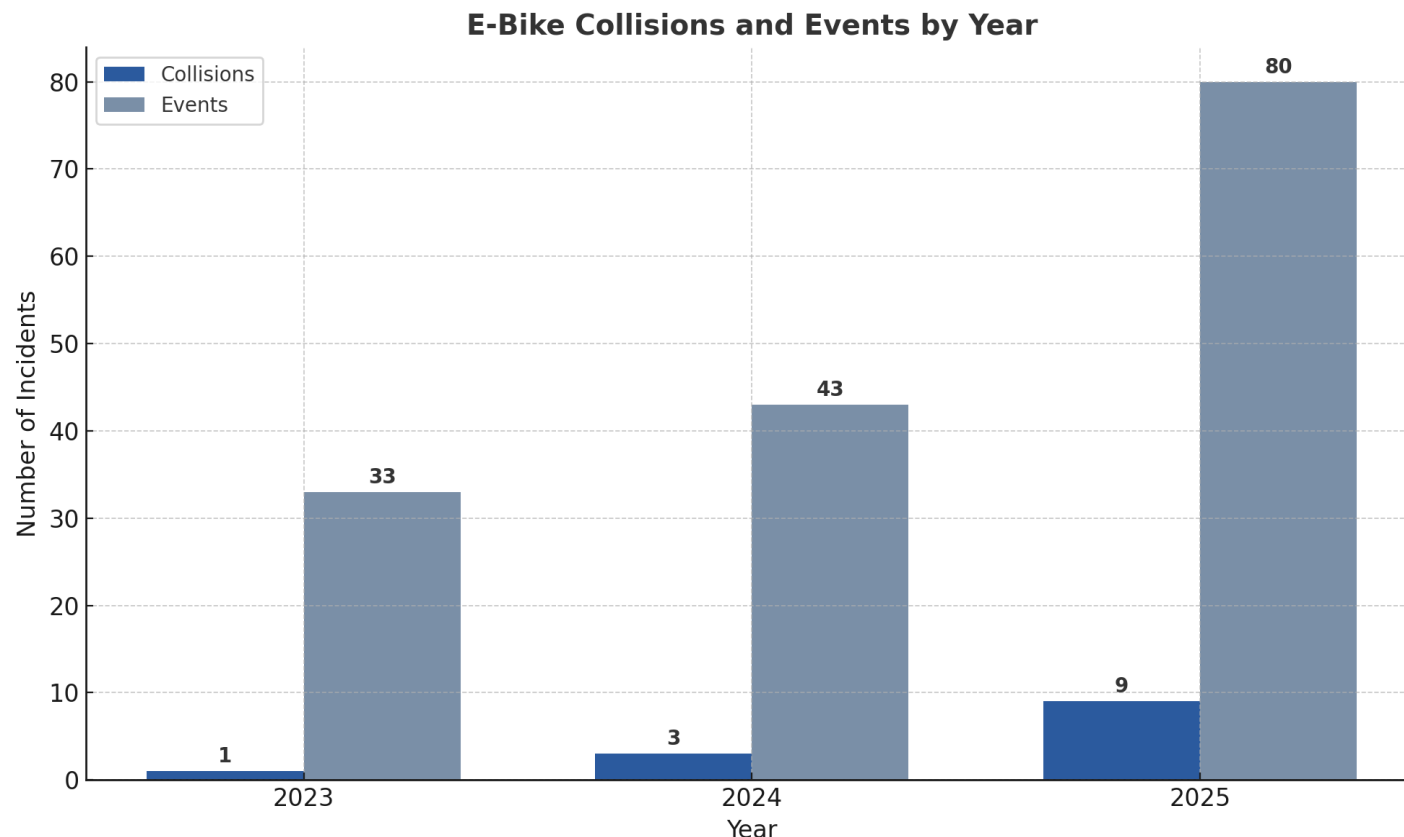
	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3
 <b>Throttle</b>	No	Yes	No
 <b>Pedal Assist</b>	Yes	Yes	Yes
 <b>Max Speed</b>	20 MPH	20 MPH	28 MPH
 <b>Minimum Age</b>	No Min.	No Min.	16
 <b>Helmet Requirement</b>	Under 18	Under 18	All Ages
 <b>Allowed on Sidewalks</b>	*Varies	*Varies	*Varies
 <b>Allowed on Bike Path</b>	Yes	Yes	*Yes

Reminder: Electric bicycles have fully operable pedals. Electric motorcycles are NOT e-bikes. They require a motorcycle license, registration, and insurance

\*Local cities may have additional restrictions

# E-Bike Incidents

- Recent complaints of E-Bikes being driven unsafely/recklessly
- Many of the complaints involve juveniles and are in the area of school campuses and parks



# SRPD Response

- Internal: Training bulletin & briefing training for patrol and motor officers
- Public: Media releases & social media educational campaign to improve rider safety
- School Partnerships: SRPD has partnered with Santa Rosa City Schools to send out educational materials to students & their families
- Enforcement: SRPD Traffic Bureau is conducting directed enforcement to educate riders about safety & issuing citations when appropriate

# Additional Options

- Certain counties and cities in California have passed ordinances which put in place additional E-Bike restrictions. They include:
  - Additional age restrictions
  - Additional helmet restrictions
  - Additional prohibited locations (sidewalks, parks, bike trails, etc).
  - Speed limits
  - Examples include: Marin County, San Diego (Part of state pilot programs)
- New laws:
  - AB 875 (E-Bike Impounds)

# Ongoing Commitment

- SRPD will continue to work collaboratively with other organizations, government partners, and the community to address E-Bike issues
- We will continually evaluate additional resources and implementation of ordinances
- This includes helping provide education surrounding E-bikes and the legal requirements to operate them



# Questions?