

Washington State Electric Bike Laws, Definition & Legal Operation

Definition of Electric Bike:

The state of Washington (WA) defines electric bicycles as “electric-assisted bicycles.” The electric bike must have two or three fully operational pedals for human propulsion, the electric motor must be no more than 1000W and the device must be designed to have a maximum speed of 20mph.

Licensing and Registration:

The state of Washington does not have licensing and registration requirements for electric bikes.

Helmet Law:

Helmets are required for riders under 16 years of age.

Where to Ride:

Electric bicycles are allowed on road ways and limited access highways, bike lanes, bike paths and multipurpose paths. Local jurisdictions are allowed to modify these and restrict use when necessary.

Disclaimer:

Laws and policies can change at any time rendering the above information outdated and non-applicable. EVELO strongly encourages checking with City, County, State and other local agencies for the most recent laws governing the proper, legal use of electric bicycles in your area. Electric bikes are prohibited on sidewalks.

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