

E-Bikes, E-Scooters & Limited Speed Motorcycles

—Know the Difference

Do you know the difference between an e-bike, e-scooter and a limited speed motorcycle?

Are you aware of what is permitted—and what is not—when it comes to where and how they can be used in Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge?

Does your child have an e-bike or e-scooter? Did you know that Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge are NOT part of the Government of British Columbia's e-scooter pilot project?

With the growing popularity of e-transportation among youth, it is more important than ever for parents to stay informed.

Did You Know:

A rider can be issued a violation ticket for not abiding by the laws related to e-transportation. Fines vary depending on the offence, such as:

$29
Not wearing a bicycle helmet

$109
Most offences under the e-bike and e-scooter regulations

$598
Not having insurance (required on certain low-powered motorcycles, such as those made by Surron)

Parent and Guardians

You can also be issued a violation ticket for allowing an underage youth to operate an e-bike or e-scooter.

Important

Unpaid debt, including violation tickets, could affect your ability to obtain, renew or upgrade your driver's licence.

Source: Fines and points for B.C. traffic offences.

Facts: E-Scooters, E-Bikes and Limited Speed Motorcycles



E-Scooters

- **In Pitt Meadows, e-scooters are not permitted**
- **In Maple Ridge, e-scooters are not permitted on public roads (including sidewalks and shoulder)**
- Riders may be fined for unsafe operation
- We are monitoring other municipalities that are participating in the Province's e-scooter pilot project and discussing lessons learned

Learn more about the e-scooter pilot project



E-Bikes

- Must follow the same traffic laws as regular bikes
- Riders must wear a bike helmet
- Minimum rider age: 16 for most e-bikes (14 for low-powered ones)
- Max motor power: 500W (250W for low-powered ones); Max speed: 32 km/h
- Throttle assist: Yes *No, for low-powered ones

Note: To qualify as a low-powered or light e-bike, the motors of a motor assisted cycle must not be capable of propelling the cycle unless the operator is pedalling or hand cranking the cycle. The motor assisted cycle must not be equipped with an accelerator controller.

Learn more about e-bike requirements from the Province



Limited Speed Motorcycles

- Not allowed on sidewalks, bike lanes or multi-use paths; Limited to road use
- Same duties as a driver of a motor vehicle and subject to same Motor Vehicle Act laws and penalties (e.g. obey stop sign)
- Riders require a valid driver's licence, registration and insurance
- Max motor power: 1,500W or 50cc
- Max attainable speed: 70km/h; Max weight: 95kg
- Approved motorcycle helmet required

Note: A device that meets only some of these requirements is not a limited speed motorcycle and is illegal to operate on public roads. Police can issue a violation ticket and fine to a person operating an unauthorized device.

Learn more about limited speed motorcycle requirements from the Province

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