

WHAT PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT E-BIKES & E-SCOOTERS

While electric-powered bicycles and scooters are a fun and efficient way to travel, they can be dangerous. Below, the Lombard Police Department is sharing information and safety tips for parents to discuss with their children about how to ride e-bikes and e-scooters safely in Lombard.

ELECTRIC BIKES

E-bikes can only be ridden on the roadway and must abide by the Bicycle Rules of the Road.

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Class 1

Motor only works while pedaling and stops assisting once the rider reaches 20 mph

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Class 2

Not required to use pedals and can reach speeds up to 20 mph

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Class 3

Must be 16 years of age. Motor stops assisting at 28 mph. Speedometer required.



Any device 750W and above is PROHIBITED

Check the watts!

 Although Class 1 and Class 2 e-bikes do not have a minimum age restriction, the Consumer Product Safety Commission does not recommend children under the age of 13 operate motorized wheeled vehicles, such as e-bikes, that can travel faster than 10 mph

ELECTRIC SCOOTERS

Illinois state law does not specifically regulate the use of e-scooters on or off-road, nor does it impose age restrictions. However, the Lombard Police Department offers the following safety reminders:



Wear a helmet

The best way to protect yourself is to wear a helmet.



Look both ways before riding through any kind of intersection

Stop and look for turning cars when crossing the street or a driveway. Be careful at crosswalks and intersections.



Walk your scooter in crowded areas

To avoid collisions with pedestrians, please be mindful of pedestrians and walk scooters/bikes in crowded areas.



Ride solo

Only one person per scooter.



Be respectful of others

Sound the bell attached to your scooter, announce yourself, or dismount and walk when passing a pedestrian.



Avoid distractions

Do not use electronic devices, including ear buds, headphones or phones, while operating your scooter.

INJURY DATA FROM THE CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Micromobility (e-scooters, e-bikes, and hoverboards) device injury data from 2017 - 2022



- 360,800 emergency department visits
- 46.92% were related to e-scooters
- 233 deaths but reporting is ongoing and incomplete



The best way to prevent serious injuries is to wear a helmet.

Learn more at villageoflombard.org/ebikes

