

## WHY YOU SHOULD KNOW







Children and young teenagers have likely never driven a vehicle before and are not familiar with traffic laws. They are often unaware of the traffic around them as well as traffic hazards that exist (e.g. blind spots, other vehicles, pedestrians, lighting conditions).

We have all seen it - a young child riding an E-Bike or motorized scooter down the street or sidewalk, whizzing by, not paying attention to the traffic on the roads and not obeying stop signs or traffic lights.

Motor Scooter and E-Bikes have the same rights and regulations as a bicycle and must obey all bicycle requirements.

Florida has several traffic laws in place in an attempt to keep everyone safe when operating an e-bike, moped, electric scooter and bicycles.

### GENERAL GUIDE TO STATE LAW REQUIREMENTS

DL - DRIVER'S LICENSE RD - ROADWAY		REG - REGISTRATION SIDE - SIDEWALK/BIKE PATH			
TYPE		DL	REG	RD	SIDE
	Motorized Scooter/Go-Ped	No	No	Yes	Yes
	Pocket and E-Motto Bikes	Yes	Yes*	No	No
	Moped	Yes	Yes	Yes	Pedal Power
	E-Bike	No	No	Yes	Yes

\*According to Florida law pocket bikes are considered motor vehicles. However, because pocket bikes are not manufactured to meet the required federal Motor Vehicle Safety Act, they cannot be registered for operation on public roadways, even if the operator has a valid driver's license. Pocket bikes may not be operated on sidewalks unless authorized by ordinance.

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**EMERGENCY**

**9 - 1 - 1**

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**A Guide to  
Mopeds, Go-peds,  
E-Bikes, Bikes &  
Scooters**

## MOTORIZED SCOOTERS, GO-PEDS,



Motorized scooters/go-peds are small two or three-wheel vehicles that a person may stand or sit upon to operate or ride. Some have electric motors, and some have gas engines. The steering is managed by use of a T shaped handlebar. Motorized scooters have the same rights and duties applicable to the rider of a bicycle. Wearing a helmet is required for operator and passengers under the age of 16. Electric scooters can be operated on sidewalks.

## MOPEDS AND E-BIKES



Moped – Vehicle with pedals to permit propulsion by human power, having a seat or saddle for the rider, and designed to travel on no more than three wheels, with a motor rated not in excess of 2 break horsepower and not capable of propelling the vehicle at a speed greater than 30 mph on level ground. If an internal combustion engine is used it may not exceed 50cc. Persons 16 years of age and older may operate a moped on public roadways with a valid driver's license. Wearing a helmet is required for operator and passengers under the age of 16.

E-bikes have fully operational pedals, a seat or saddle for the rider, an electric motor of less than 750 watts and can travel a maximum speed of 28 mph. Per Florida statute 316.003 (23), E-Bikes must meet the requirements of one of the three qualifications

**Class I** -Motor assistance only when peddling and ceases to provide assistance when speed reaches 20 mph.

**Class II** - Motor may be used to exclusively propel the e-bike and ceases assistance at 20 mph.

**Class III** -Motor assistance only when peddling and ceases assistance at 28 mph. Wearing a helmet is required for operator and passengers under the age of 16. E-bikes can be operated on sidewalks.

## POCKET BIKES



Pocket bikes are miniature motorcycles with an electric motor or a 50 cc or less gas engines that have automatic transmissions. Pocket bikes cannot be legally operated on public roadways, sidewalks, or bicycle paths unless authorized by ordinance.

Pocket bikes can only be ridden on private property with permission from the owner of the property (e.g., driveway, yard). A person may not ride pocket bikes on sidewalks, bike paths, or roadways.

## E-MOTTO BIKES



E-Motto Bikes are not considered an E-Bike, as they do not have fully operational pedals to permit propulsion by human power. E-Motto bikes can travel up to a higher speed than regulated in FS 316.003 (23) for E-Bikes and can not be operated on sidewalks. E-Motto bikes are not street legal in Florida and must be registered, titled and insured to operate on the roadway.

E-Motto bikes are considered vehicles, and all Florida laws apply as any other motorcycle or off highway motorcycle.

## WHAT TO EXPECT IF STOPPED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT.



A person who operates or allows a juvenile to operate any motorized scooter, go-ped, pocket bike, moped, or motorized bicycle in violation of the law may be subject to the following:

- The operator may be issued a noncriminal traffic citation punishable as a moving violation for operating a motorized vehicle on a sidewalk. Florida Statute 316.1995. The operator is also eligible to receive a criminal citation for operating an unregistered motor vehicle. This is a criminal violation which requires a mandatory court date, and the operator is subject to arrest. Florida Statute 320.02.
- To operate a motor vehicle in the State of Florida, the operator must possess a valid driver's license. If the operator is caught operating a motor vehicle without a valid license, he or she is subject to a criminal citation, mandatory court appearance, and/or arrest. Florida Statute 322.03.

Parents who knowingly allow a juvenile who has no driver's license to operate a motor vehicle on public streets may be cited for a violation of Florida Statute 322.35, "Permitting an Unauthorized Minor to Drive." This is an arrestable misdemeanor.

Note: All criminal violations involve issuance of a Uniform Traffic Citation, mandatory court date, and/or arrest.