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Starting September 4, 2025, new rules for e-bikes will take effect in Chula Vista to help keep students and families safe. While California already has statewide regulations, the City has added stronger local requirements that parents should know about.

Under existing state law, helmets are required for all riders under 18 on Class 1 and 2 e-bikes, and for riders of all ages on Class 3 e-bikes. There are no age restrictions for Class 1 and 2 e-bikes, and passengers are allowed without limits. Riders are also allowed to use sidewalks unless a city specifically restricts them.

Chula Vista's new rules go further. Children must now be at least 12 years old to operate Class 1 and 2 e-bikes. Riders must be 18 or older before carrying passengers. Class 1 and 2 e-bikes may not be used on sidewalks in business districts or in areas with posted signs, and Class 3 e-bikes are banned from sidewalks citywide. Helmets remain required under the state rules.

The City will focus first on education and awareness, offering free safety workshops, school programs, and community outreach. Enforcement will begin on December 3, 2025, with a \$25 fine for infraction of ordinance. Certain cases will allow for a [safety course](#) to avoid a fine. Serious or repeated violations may also result in an e-bike being impounded.

Parents/Guardians play an important role in helping students understand and follow these rules. Talking with your child about helmet use, safe riding habits, and where e-bikes are allowed will make a big difference in keeping them safe. By working together, families, schools, and the City can ensure that students enjoy the benefits of e-bikes while staying safe in our community.

For more information visit: chulavistaca.gov/ebikes

Quick Read

Top 5 Things You Should Know About E-Bikes in Chula Vista

- Age Requirement – Kids must be at least 12 years old to ride a Class 1 or Class 2 e-bike.
- Passengers – Riders must be 18 or older to carry a passenger.
- Sidewalk Rules – Class 1 and 2 e-bikes are not allowed on sidewalks in business districts or where signs are posted. Class 3 e-bikes are banned from all sidewalks.
- Helmets – Helmets are required for all riders under 18 on Class 1 and 2 e-bikes, and for everyone on Class 3 e-bikes.
- Police Enforcement – Education comes first, but fines start December 3, 2025 (A violation of 10.73.040(a) shall be an infraction with a fine of \$25)