

E-BIKES AND E-SCOOTERS IN WHITBY

The Town of Whitby recently passed a by-law to regulate the use of E-scooters and E-bikes on roads, bicycle lanes, multi-use paths, cycle tracks, and park trails.

Here's What You Need To Know:

An E-Scooter Must Have:

- two wheels (one at the front and one at the back)
- a platform to stand on, a handlebar for steering,
- an electric motor not exceeding 500 watts,
- a maximum speed of 24 km/h on a level surface, maximum weight of 45 kg.



Requirements For All Riders

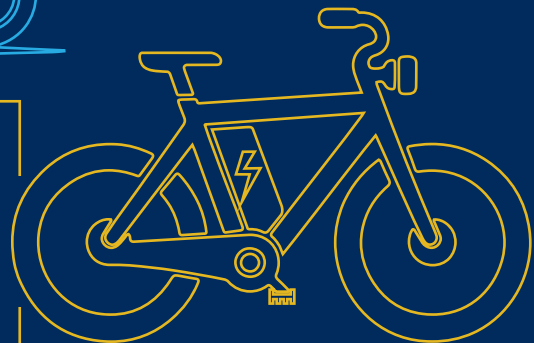
Minimum Age: 16 years

Helmets: Mandatory for ALL e-bike riders. Mandatory for e-scooter riders under the age of 18.



An E-Bike Must Have:

- handlebar for steering, working pedals, two or three wheels, braking system, and an electric motor not exceeding 500 watts.
- a maximum assisted speed of 32 km/h,
- a maximum weight of 120 kg; however, on multi-use paths and trails, the maximum weight should be less than 55 kg.



Facility Type	E-Scooter	E-Bike
Roadway (vehicle lane) with speed limit over 50 km/hr	✗*	✓
Roadway (vehicle lane) with speed limit up to 50 km/hr	✓	✓
Bike Lane or Paved Shoulder**	✓	✓
Cycle Track	✓	✓
Multi-use Path	✓	✓ (<55kg)
Park Trail	✓ Paved Only	✓ (<55kg)
Sidewalk	✗	✗

Rules of the Road

- **Yield to Pedestrians:** Riders must give pedestrians the right of way and use an audible signal when passing on multi-use paths and trails.
- **Maximum Speed Limit:** 20 km/hr for e-scooters and e-bikes on multi-use paths and trails; Maximum speed limit on roads is 24 km/hr for e-scooters and 32 km/hr for e-bikes.
- **Within Crosswalk/Crossover:** Riders must walk their e-scooter or e-bike through crosswalks and crossovers. However, they may ride through a crossride.
- **Parking:** No parking on roadway, sidewalks/walkways, trails, multi-use pathway or within boulevard except where e-scooters or e-bikes parking facilities are provided.
- **Safety Tips:** No handheld devices while riding e-scooters or e-bikes; keep at least 1 metre space from pedestrians and other road users.

Devices NOT Permitted in Whitby:

- Electric hoverboards, electric skateboards, Segways, and electric unicycles, are not permitted.
- Limited-speed motorcycles and motor-assisted bicycles (mopeds) are not permitted on dedicated cycling facilities, including multi-use paths and paved trails.

*Not applicable to roads with bicycle lanes and paved shoulders with minimum width 1.2 m regardless of the road speed limit.

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Report an issue:

- Town of Whitby By-law complaint page
- Durham Regional Police Services Road Watch Page



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