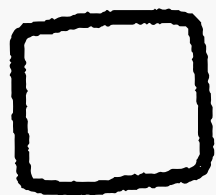
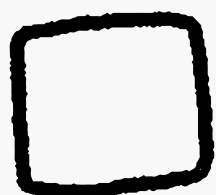


IS IT REALLY AN E-BIKE?

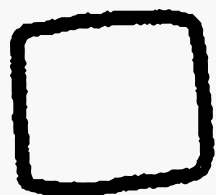
Ask these 4 questions before your child rides



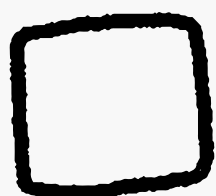
Do the pedals actually work to propel the bike?



Does the motor stop assisting at 32 km/h or less?



Is the motor 500W or less in power?



Is your child 16+ (standard) or 14+ (light only)?

ANSWERED NO TO ANY?

IT'S NOT A LEGAL E-BIKE.

It's a motor vehicle — and it's not legal on Richmond roads, sidewalks, bike lanes, or paths.

WHEN IT'S NOT AN E-BIKE, IT COSTS.

Potential fines under the BC Motor Vehicle Act for riding an unregistered, uninsured motor vehicle:

- \$598** — No insurance
 - \$276** — No driver's licence
 - \$144** — Failing to stop for police
 - \$138** — No helmet
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THAT'S \$1,156 FROM ONE TRAFFIC STOP.

PARENTS, IT'S YOUR EXPOSURE TOO.

Parents or guardians who knowingly allow an underage child to ride can face fines up to \$2,000 under provincial regulations — plus personal financial liability for damages in a collision.



KNOW BEFORE YOU RIDE

If it doesn't match the rules in the first column, it's not a legal e-bike.

	LEGAL E-BIKE	E-SCOOTER*	HIGH-POWERED E-BIKE / E-DIRT BIKE
Working pedals	Required	N/A	Often no
Top speed	25 km/h (light) 32 km/h (standard)	In Richmond: 20 km/h on roads 15 km/h on shared paths	Often 50–70+ km/h
Motor power	250W (light) 500W (standard)	Limited under pilot rules	Over 500W; often 1000W-8000W
Minimum age	14+ (light) 16+ (standard)	16+	⊘ Not legal on public roads at any age
Where can I ride?	Anywhere bicycles are allowed	Bike lanes, local streets ≤50 km/h, marked shared pathways. Not on sidewalks or unpaved trails.	Private property only, with owner's permission
Licence / insurance	None required	None required	⊘ Cannot be registered or insured.
Helmet	Bicycle helmet required	Approved helmet required	Approved motorcycle helmet required

*E-scooters are legal only in B.C. communities participating in the Provincial Electric Kick Scooter Pilot Project. Richmond is a participating community. Rules differ in other municipalities.

Reference: BC Motor Vehicle Act; Motor Assisted Cycle (E-Bike) Regulation
Learn more: search "BC e-bike requirements" — look for gov.bc.ca