



# Ventura County Sheriff's Office E-Bicycle/Motorcycle Enforcement Guide



**Class 1 / Class 2**



**Class 3**



**Moped / Motorized Bicycle**



**Motorized Scooter**

<p>Equipped with an electric motor and pedal assisted (Class 1) and/or throttle assisted (Class 2), reaches the <b>speed of 20 miles per hour.</b> <b>CVC 312.5(a)(1)/(2)</b></p> <p>CVC 21200.5 DUI Alcohol/Drugs on Bicycle (M) CVC 21202(a) Right half of Roadway CVC 21203 Hitching rides on vehicles CVC 21204(b) Passenger must be seat on permanent seat / Passenger under 4 yrs/40 lbs must be seated away from moving parts CVC 21205 Carrying articles, not holding handlebars CVC 21211(b) Impede/Block others on bicycle trail/path CVC 21212(a) Under 18 must wear helmet CVC 21456.2(a) Failure to obey traffic control signs CVC 21650.1 Travel same direction of vehicles (on roadway) CVC 22110(a)/(b)/(c) Failure to use hand and arm signals <b>EQUIPMENT:</b> CVC 21201(a) Wheel brake required CVC 21201(b) Handlebar height no higher than shoulders CVC 21201(c) Operator able to reach ground CVC 21201(d)(1-4) Lights/reflectors during darkness CVC 21204(a) Must have permanent seat attached CVC 24016(d) Modify/Tamper to increase speed</p> <p><sup>1</sup>Property-CANNOT BETOWED/IMPOUNDED</p>	<p>Equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the <b>speed of 28 miles per hour</b> and equipped with a speedometer. <b>CVC 312.5(a)(3)</b></p> <p>CVC 21200.5 DUI Alcohol/Drugs on Bicycle (M) CVC 21201(c) Operator able to reach ground CVC 21202(a) Right half of Roadway CVC 21203 Hitching rides on vehicles CVC 21204(b) Passenger must be seat on permanent seat / Passenger under 4 yrs/40 lbs must be seated away from moving parts CVC 21205 Carrying articles, not holding handlebars CVC 21207.5 Riding on bicycle trail/path/lane, hiking/equestrian/recreation trail CVC 21211(b) Impede/Block others on bicycle trail/path CVC 21213(a) Under 16 yrs. old operating CVC 21213(b) No helmet (Any Age) CVC 21456.2(a) Failure to obey traffic control signs CVC 21650.1 Travel same direction of vehicles (on roadway) CVC 22110(a)/(b)/(c) Failure to use hand and arm signals <b>EQUIPMENT:</b> CVC 21201(a) Wheel brake required CVC 21201(b) Handlebar height no higher than shoulders CVC 21201(d)(1-4) Lights/reflectors during darkness CVC 21204(a) Must have permanent seat attached CVC 24016(d) Modify/Tamper to increase speed</p> <p><sup>1</sup>Property-CANNOT BETOWED/IMPOUNDED</p>	<p>Two-wheeled or three-wheeled device having fully operative pedals for propulsion by human power or having no pedals if powered solely by electrical energy, and an automatic transmission and a motor that produces less than 4 gross brake horsepower and can propel the device at a <b>maximum speed of not more than 30 miles per hour.</b> <b>CVC 406(a)</b></p> <p>CVC 23152(a)-(g) DUI Alcohol/Drugs (M) CVC 14601.1(a) Suspended Driver (M) CVC 12500(a) Unlicensed Driver (M) CVC 12500(b) M1 or M2 Endorsement Required (M) CVC 23127 Unauthorized. Vehicle on trail/path (M) CVC 27803(b) Driver DOT Helmet required CVC 27803(c) Passenger DOT Helmet required</p> <p><b>EQUIPMENT:</b> CVC 5030 Special License Plate required CVC 5037(a) License Plate attached CVC 5200(b) Rear Plate required CVC 24600(a) Tail Lamp required CVC 24603(a) Brake Light required CVC 24607(a) Rear Red Reflector required CVC 25650.5 Lighted Headlamp as engine runs CVC 26311(a) Brakes required both wheels CVC 26709(a) One rearview mirror required CVC 27000(a) Horn required CVC 27465(b)(1) Bald Tires CVC 4000(a)(1) Registration required CVC 16028(a) Proof of Insurance</p> <p><sup>1</sup>VEHICLE-May be TOWED OR IMPOUNDED</p>	<p>Two-wheeled device that has handlebars, has either a floorboard that is designed to be stood upon when riding or a seat and footrests in place of the floorboard, and is powered by an electric motor. This device may also be designed to be powered by human propulsion. <b>CVC 407.5(a)</b></p> <p>CVC 21221.5 DUI Alcohol/Drugs (M) CVC 21228 Must ride on right side of roadway CVC 21229(a) Must ride in bicycle lane CVC 21229(b) Unsafe movement out of bicycle lane CVC 21235(b) Shall NOT ride on HWY posted higher than 25 MPH unless in Bicycle Lane CVC 21235(c) Helmet required (Under 18) CVC 21235(d) Must have valid DL or Instruction permit CVC 21235(e) No passengers CVC 21235(f) carrying load preventing at least one hand on handlebar CVC 21235(g) Riding on sidewalk prohibited CVC 21235(h) Handlebars above shoulders on HWY CVC 21235(i) Leave on side blocking sidewalk/pathway CVC 21235(j) Ride while attached to a vehicle CVC 22411 Shall not exceed 15 MPH (Max Speed)</p> <p><b>EQUIPMENT:</b> CVC 21235(a) Must have mechanical brake CVC 21223(a)(1) Front light during darkness / visible 300' CVC 21223(a)(2) Rear red reflector visible 500' CVC 21223(a)(3) Side reflector white or yellow visible 200' CVC 21226(b) Adequate muffler/ Excessive noise CVC 21226(d) Modified exhaust system</p> <p><sup>1</sup>Property-CANNOT BE TOWED/IMPOUNDED</p>
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**Motorcycle/Surrans**



**Motor Driven Cycles**



**Pocket Bikes**

<p>Motor vehicle having a seat or saddle for the use of the rider, designed to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground.</p> <p>A motor vehicle that has four wheels in contact with the ground, two of which are a functional part of a sidecar, is a motorcycle if the vehicle otherwise comes within the definition of subdivision (a).</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CVC 400(a)/(b)</b></p> <p>CVC23152(a)-(g) DUI Alcohol/Drugs (M)          CVC23127 Unauthorized Vehicle on trail/path (M)          CVC12500(a) Unlicensed Driver (M)          CVC12500(b) MI or M2 Endorsement Required (MI not required for 3 wheel)          CVC14601.(a) Suspended Driver (M)          CVC27803(b) Driver DOT Helmet required (Unless fully enclosed)          CVC27803(c) Passenger DOT Helmet required (Unless fully enclosed)</p> <p><b>EQUIPMENT:</b></p> <p>CVC5200(b) Rear Plate required          CVC5201(a) License Plate clearly visible/Secure/Horizontal/ 12" from ground/Rear mounted          CVC24012 Turn signal 9" apart rear/16" apart at front          CVC24953(a) Turn signal forward/rear facing          CVC24600(a) Tail Lamp required          CVC24600(f) Tail Lamp min 15" from ground          CVC24601 License plate light required, must be white          CVC24603(a) Brake Light required          CVC24603(c) Brake Light min 15" from ground          CVC24607(a) Rear Red Reflector required          CVC25650.5 Lighted Headlamp as engine runs          CVC26311(a) Brakes required both wheels          CVC26709(a) One rearview mirror required          CVC27000(a) Horn required          CVC27150(a) Muffler required          CVC27155 Fuel Tank cap required          CVC27465(b)(l) Bald Tires          CVC 4000(a)(l) Registration required          CVC16028(a) Proof of Insurance</p> <p>.VEHICLE -May be TOWED OR IMPOUNDED</p>	<p>Any motorcycle with a motor that displaces less than 150 cubic centimeters.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CVC405</b></p> <p>CVC23152(a)-(g) DUI Alcohol/Drugs (M)          CVC23127 Unauthorized Vehicle on trail/path (M)          CVC12500(a) Unlicensed Driver (M)          CVC12500(b) MI Endorsement Required (MI)          CVC14601.(a) Suspended Driver (M)          CVC27803(b) Driver DOT Helmet required          CVC27803(c) Passenger DOT Helmet required</p> <p><b>EQUIPMENT:</b></p> <p>CVC24600(a) Tail Lamp required          CVC24600(f) Tail Lamp min 15" from ground          CVC24601 License plate light required, must be white          CVC24603(a) Brake Light required          CVC24603(c) Brake Light min 15" from ground          CVC24607(a) Rear Red Reflector required          CVC25650.5 Lighted Headlamp as engine runs          CVC26311(a) Brakes required both wheels          CVC26709(a) One rearview mirror required          CVC27000(a) Horn required          CVC27150(a) Muffler required          CVC27155 Fuel Tank Cap required          CVC27465(b)(1) Bald tires          CVC 4000(a)(1) Registration required          CVC16028(a) Proof of Insurance</p> <p>.VEHICLE -May be TOWED OR IMPOUNDED</p>	<p>Two-wheeled motorized device that has a seat or saddle for the use of the rider, and that is not designed or manufactured for highway use. "Pocket bike" does not include an off-highway motorcycle, as defined in Section 436.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>CVC473(a)</b></p> <p>CVC21720 May NOT operate on sidewalk, roadway, bicycle/equestrian/hiking/recreational path/trails or public lands</p> <p><b>IMPOUND:</b></p> <p>CVC 21721 (a) Pocket Bike (Held for Min. 48 hrs)</p> <p>.VEHICLE -May be TOWED OR IMPOUNDED</p>
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	Pedal Operated	Max Speed (MPH)	Minimum Age (YRS)	Driver License Required	Registration/ License Plate Required	Helmet Required	Allowed on Bike Paths/Trails	Allowed on Sidewalk	Allowed on the Roadway
Bicycle	YES	N/A	N/A	NO	NO	UNDER 18 VC 21212(a)	YES	YES	YES
Class 1 E-Bike	YES	20	N/A	NO	NO	UNDER 18 VC 21212(a)	YES	YES	YES
Class 2 E-Bike	YES	20	N/A	NO	NO	UNDER 18 VC 21212(a)	YES	YES	YES
Class 3 E-Bike	YES	28	16 VC 21213(a)	NO	NO	YES VC 21213(b)	NO <sup>1</sup> VC 21207.5	YES	YES
Motorized Scooter	NO	15	15 ½	YES VC 21235(d)	NO	UNDER 18 VC 21235(c)	YES	NO VC 21235(g)	=/>25 MPH ST UNLESS IN BIKE LN VC 21235(b)
Moped/Motorized Bike	YES/NO	N/A	15 ½	YES VC 12500(b)	YES VC 4000(a)(1)	YES VC 27803(b)	NO <sup>1</sup> VC 23127	NO VC 21663	YES
Motorcycle / Surrans	NO	N/A	15 ½	YES VC 12500(b)	YES VC 4000(a)(1)	YES VC 27803(b)	NO VC 23127	NO VC 21663	YES
Motor Driven Cycles	NO	N/A	15 ½	YES VC 12500(b)	YES VC 4000(a)(1)	YES VC 27803(b)	NO VC 23127	NO VC 21663	YES
Pocket Bikes	NO	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	NO VC 21720	NO VC 21720	NO VC 21720
Off Highway Motorcycle	NO	N/A	N/A	N/A	YES VC 38170(b)	YES VC 27803(b)	NO VC 23127	NO VC 21663	NO VC 38025
Low Speed Vehicle VC 385.5	NO	25	15 ½	YES VC 12500(a)	YES VC 4000(a)(1)	NO	NO VC 23127	NO VC 21663	=/>35 MPH ST VC 21260
Golf Cart VC 345	NO	15	N/A	NO	NO	NO	ONLY IF DESIGNATED	NO VC 21663	=/> 25 MPH ST VC 21716

<sup>1</sup> Unless local ordinance is adopted authorizing use on trails/paths

### **TOW AUTHORITIES FOR DL OR REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

- CVC 22651(o)(1)** Unregistered/Expired Registration
- CVC 22651(p)** No Licensed Driver Present (Not legally parked)
- CVC 14602.6(a)** Suspended Driver or Never been issued a DL (30 Day Impound)
- CVC 23109.2(a)(1)** Reckless Driving (30 Day Impound)
- CVC 21721(a)** Pocket Bike (Held for Min. 48 hrs)

### **OTHER MOTOR VEHICLE VIOLATIONS:**

- CVC 23103** Reckless Driving - (a) on HWY, (b) Off Street Parking Facility (M)
- CVC 23109(c)** Exhibition of Speed (M)