



MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION

Electric Bicycles ("e-bikes")

Can be operated on roads in Ontario



Since October 3, 2009, electric bikes (both those resembling conventional bicycles and those resembling motor scooters) have been permanently allowed on roads and highways where conventional bicycles are currently permitted. They must follow the same rules of the road as set out in the Highway Traffic Act (HTA) that currently apply to cyclists, with some exceptions.

In order to operate an e-bike:

- Operators must be 16 years of age or older;
- **All** operators **must** wear an approved bicycle or motorcycle helmet at all times.
- Must meet the federal definition of a power-assisted bicycle (*for the full definition, please see subsection 2(1) of the Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations under the Motor Vehicle Safety Act*, which includes:
 - Has steering handlebars and is equipped with pedals