

CT E-BIKE LAWS

- E-bikes by manufacturer design cannot exceed **28 mph**.
- A person under **16 years old** **cannot** ride a Class 3 E-bike.
- As of 10/1/25, all e-bike riders are required to wear a helmet, **regardless of age**.
- E-bikes over 3,500 watts will require registration and insurance, similar to motorcycles.
- E-bikes are **prohibited from sidewalks**. Limited access on highways and turnpikes. E-bikes shall follow all of the rules of the road, like any motor vehicle, including yielding the right-of-way to pedestrians in a crosswalk.
- If the speed limit of the roadway is more than the maximum speed of the e-bike, the e-bike must be operated in the right-hand lane or on the shoulder.
- Modifications that result in a power output above 749 watts or a top speed above 28 mph (or 20 mph if the e-bike has a throttle) can result in the vehicle being re-classified as a motor-driven cycle or a motorcycle.
- **Only ONE rider per e-bike.**

WHAT IS AN E-SCOOTER?

- Weighs 75 pounds or less.
- Is both electric motor- and human-powered.
- Has two or three wheels, handlebars, and a floorboard that can be stood on while riding.
- Has a maximum speed, with or without human propulsion on a paved level surface, of 20 mph or less (e-scooters by manufacturer design cannot exceed 20 mph).

No parent shall authorize or knowingly permit any child to violate any provision of the general statutes or ordinances enacted under section 14-289 relating to bicycles, e-bikes or electric foot scooters.

E-BIKE SAFETY TIPS



SAFETY FIRST

#1: Always wear an approved helmet.

#2: Know and follow the rules of the road! When you ride your E-bike on streets and roads, you are operating a vehicle in the eyes of the law.

That includes:

- **Stopping at stop signs and red lights.**
- Using appropriate lanes.
- Yielding when you do not have the right of way.
- Using turn signals or hand signals when appropriate.
- Using lights in dim or dark conditions.
 - Front light: A white light that can be seen from at least 500 feet away.
 - Rear reflector: A red reflector that can be seen from at least 600 feet away when directly in front of a motor vehicle's low beams .

#3: Whether you are riding your bike during the day or night, wear brightly colored clothing.

#4: Make sure you have secure footwear. Do not wear flip-flops or other shoes that could readily fall off.

#5: Make sure the battery is securely in place.

WHAT IS AN E-BIKE?

- A bicycle with a motor less than 750 watts and operable foot pedals.
- As of 10/1/25, e-bikes with NO pedals and batteries over 750 watts but under 3,500 watts are now defined as **motor-driven cycles, which require a license.**

WHAT ARE THE THREE CLASSES OF E-BIKES?



CLASS 1

Pedal-assist only, with a maximum speed of 20 mph



CLASS 2

Pedal-assist or throttle, with a maximum speed of 20 mph



CLASS 3

Pedal-assist only, with a maximum speed of 28mph
MUST BE 16 Y/O TO OPERATE

QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

**Please contact the
Darien Police Department's Traffic Division**



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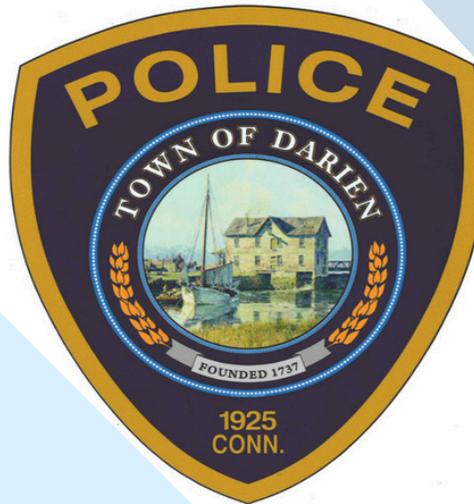
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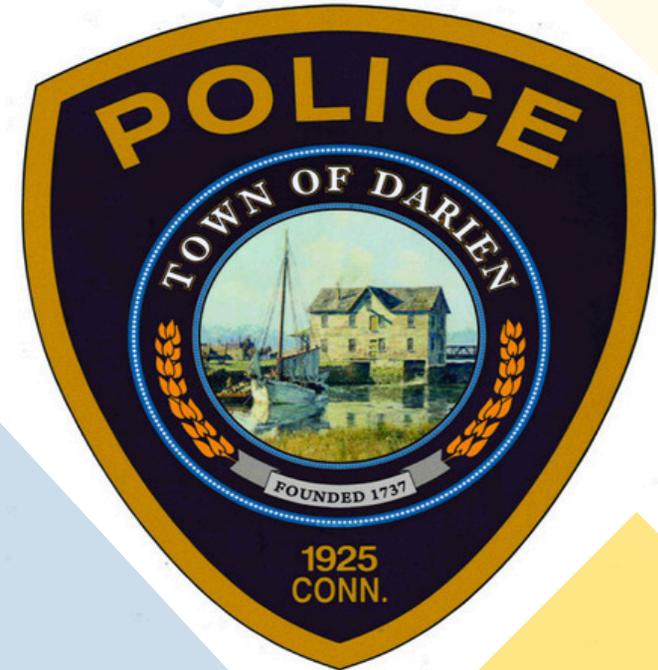
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