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Dear Bayonne Community,

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As school begins in full swing, we would like to remind our community about wearing bicycle helmets. Helmets save lives and prevent injury. Below is a message from The New Jersey Bicycle Pedestrian Resource Center <https://njbikeped.org/>

I implore everyone to wear a helmet, slow down on the e-bikes and be careful. E-bikes have become very popular in Bayonne and we hope that all riders slow down and use caution in traffic and around students walking. Parents and Guardians please speak to your children about using helmets (it's the law) and being cautious when operating any type of bicycle/scooter.



New Jersey's E-Bike & E-Scooter Law

VEHICLE TYPES	PROPULSION METHOD	POWER SOURCE	MAX ASSISTED SPEED (MPH)	LICENSE & REGISTRATION	HELMET	PARK ON THE SIDEWALK?	TAKE ON TRANSIT?
LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC SCOOTER 	Kickstart and throttle	Electric	19mph	No	Under 17 years old	If not blocking access	Yes*
LOW-SPEED ELECTRIC BICYCLE 	Pedal and optional throttle	Electric (<750W)	20mph	No	Under 17 years old	If not blocking access	Yes*
MOTORIZED BICYCLE 	Pedal and optional throttle	Gas or Electric (<50cc/<1.5BHP)	28mph	Required	Required	No	No

<https://njbikeped.org/new-law-legalized-e-bikes-and-e-scooters-in-new-jersey/>

* Restrictions may vary by agency. PATH and NJT restrict non-collapsible vehicles during peak travel times. Bus racks have limited availability and may not fit all bikes.

E-mobility devices make it easier to:

- Save on gas, parking, and rideshare costs.
- Access destinations without needing to walk or drive.
- Reduce carbon emissions.
- Make "first-mile" and "last-mile" connections for bus and train trips.
- Climb hills and keep up with traffic without getting sweaty.
- Help people with limitations due to age, physical fitness levels, or disabilities.

Low-speed e-bikes and e-scooters are regulated like bicycles. Drivers of low-speed e-bikes and e-scooters:

- Must ride in the same direction as traffic and obey all traffic lights, signs, and signals.
- Are advised to wear helmets to minimize potential head injury. Helmets are required in NJ for youth under age 17.
- Must park devices without blocking pedestrian and/or wheelchair access.
- Should not ride on sidewalks. Off-road trails generally do not allow motorized bicycles, but may allow e-bikes and e-scooters. Regulations vary by municipality and county. Check all local ordinances and policies. Ride slowly in areas with pedestrians.



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For more information, visit the NJ Bicycle and Pedestrian Resource Center at njbikeped.org or the NJ Safe Routes Resource Center at saferroutesnj.org. 01.13.22



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