

E-BIKES

Safety guidelines come from **Florida Statute 316.20655**. Here's a clear breakdown of what the state **requires** vs. what is **recommended for safety**.

Core Florida e-bike safety rules (state law)

1. E-bikes are treated like bicycles

- Riders have the **same rights and responsibilities as regular cyclists**
- You must **follow all traffic laws** (signals, stop signs, right-of-way)

2. Where you can ride

- Allowed on **roads, bike lanes, sidewalks, and multi-use paths** (unless locally restricted)
- Local governments can **limit or ban e-bikes in certain areas**

3. Speed classifications (safety by design)

Florida defines 3 classes:

- **Class 1 & 2:** max 20 mph
- **Class 3:** max 28 mph

4. Helmet requirements

- **Under 16:** helmet required
- **Class 3 riders (all ages):** helmet required

5. Night riding safety equipment

- Front white light (visible 500 ft)
- Rear red reflector/light (visible up to 600 ft)

6. No license, registration, or insurance

- E-bikes are **not treated like motor vehicles**