



Is my e-Bike legal in Pennsylvania?

The short answer is yes, Electric Assist Bicycles (e-Bikes) are legal and welcome in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. By reducing barriers to bicycling, e-bikes can encourage people to take bike trips and to ride longer than on regular bikes. Because they're easier to ride, they're ideal for older adults and people with physical limitations. However, they cannot be operated by persons under 16 years of age. To operate on public roadways in Pennsylvania, an e-Bike must meet these criteria as adopted in PA Act 154 of 2014:

- ***Weigh less than 100 pounds***
- ***Be equipped with two or three wheels at least 11 inches in diameter, as well as operable pedals***
- ***Be powered by an electric motor system rated at not more than 750 watts***
- ***Be capable of speeds not more than 20 miles per hour on a level surface when powered by the motor source only***

Moreover, e-Bikes:

- Do not require a certificate of inspection or insurance
- Are afforded all of the rights and responsibilities of other bicycles under PA law
- Are allowed to operate on the Centre Region's Shared Use Paths

For more information about bicycling in the Centre Region, please contact Trish Meek at the Centre Regional Planning Agency or visit www.crcog.net/bikes