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NYS Guidelines for ATVs, UTVs, Motorcycles, E-Bikes and more.



HIGHLIGHTS:

- No ATV / UTV / Dirtbike /Minibike / Go-kart can be operated on a public roadway unless crossing the road at a 90-degree angle to access another piece of property.
- ATVs must be registered with the DMV.
- Drivers must carry liability insurance.
- Drivers must have permission from property owner.
- Public Property must be clearly posted and approved for ATV /UTV use.

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NYS GUIDELINES FOR ATVS

WHAT IS AN ATV?

- Self-propelled vehicle manufactured for off-highway trails.
- Does not exceed 70 inches wide and under 1,000 lbs. dry weight.
- Dirt-bikes are included as ATV's.



REGISTRATION

- All ATV's operated in NYS must be registered with DMV.
- Out-of-state registrations are acceptable.
- Government owned ATVs are exempt.
- Assigned registration must be displayed at all times.

PUBLIC ROADWAYS

- ATVs cannot be operated on a public roadway.
- Exception: ATVs can make a direct crossing at approximately 90 degrees; must come to complete stop before crossing a roadway; must yield to oncoming traffic; must be done in hours of daylight only, unless both front and rear lights are illuminated.

PUBLIC LANDS

- ATVs can only be operated if public lands have been designated and posted for travel by ATVs.

PRIVATE PROPERTY

- Must have consent from property owner.
- Cannot operate on railroad tracks or railroad rights-of-way.

ACCIDENTS

- Any ATV accident resulting in injuries or death of a person or where property damage estimated at $600 or more; must report accident to law enforcement.

OPERATION AND EQUIPMENT

- Cannot operate in an intoxicated condition on public lands or private property of another person.
- ATVs must have operating brakes, white headlight during darkness, muffler system meeting Federal Standards (40 CFR, 205.166, sub part E).
- Rider and passenger must wear a protective helmet.

INSURANCE

- Must have liability insurance when operating on public lands and any private property when not owned by the operator.
- Must provide proof of insurance upon request by magistrate or authority enforcing law (law enforcement).

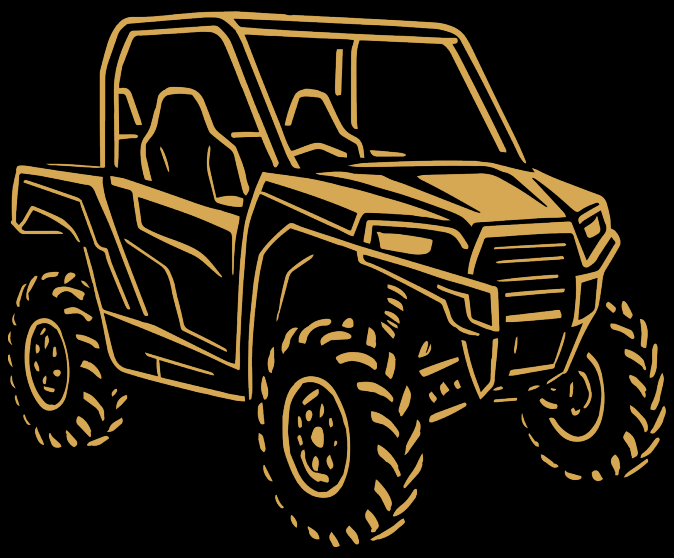
OPERATION BY MINORS

- Under 16 yrs. of age; only operate on property ownedor leased by parent/guardian and must be supervised by person over 18 yrs. old.
- 14-15 years old must have ATV safety certificate and same guidance as 16 yr. old.
- Failure to produce safety certificate when riding is presumptive evidence of not having one.

REFERENCE: NYS VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW, ARTICLE 48C

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NYS GUIDELINES FOR UTVS



PUBLIC ROADWAYS

- UTVs cannot be operated on public roadways.
- Exception: making direct crossing at approximately 90 degrees; must come to complete stop before crossing roadway; must yield to oncoming traffic; in hours of daylight only, unless both front and rear lights are illuminated.

PUBLIC LANDS

- UTVs can only be operated if public lands have been designated and posted for travel by UTVs.

PRIVATE PROPERTY

- Must have consent from property owner.
- Cannot operate on railroad tracks or railroad rights-of-way.

WHAT IS A UTV?

- UTVs are NOT ATVs.
- Generally, UTVs are over 72 inches wide and exceed 1,000 lbs.
- UTVs are designed for off-road operation.

REGISTRATION

- UTVs CANNOT be registered; no registration class exists for them.

OPERATION AND EQUIPMENT

- Cannot operate in an intoxicated condition on public lands or private property of another person.
- UTVs must have operating brakes, white headlight during darkness, muffler system meeting Federal Standards (40 CFR, 205.166, sub part E).

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NYS GUIDELINES FOR BICYCLES WITH ELECTRIC ASSIST (E-BIKES)

WHAT IS AN E-BIKE?

A bicycle that is no more than 36 inches wide, has an electric motor of less than 750 watts, equipped with operable pedals, meeting the requirements for bicycles adoped by the Consuper Product Safety Commission and meeting the requirement of 3 Classes:

- **Class 1:** Has an electric motor that provides assistance only when operator is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when such bicycle reaches a speed of 20 mph.
- **Class 2:** Has an electric motor that may be used exclusively to propel such bicycle, and that is not capable of providing assistance when such bicycle reaches 20 mph.
- **Class 3:** Solely within a city having a population of one million or more, has an electric motor that may be used exclusively to propel such bicycle, and that is not capable of providing assistance when such bicycle reaches a speed of 25 mph. NYC ONLY



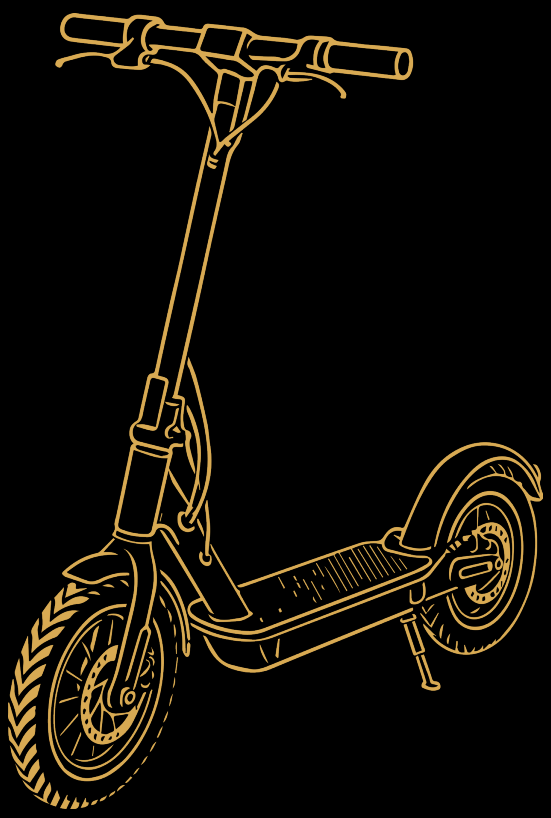
BICYCLE WITH ELECTRIC ASSIST (E-BIKE) REQUIREMENTS

Class	Class 1 - 20 mph	Class 2 - 20 mph	Class 3 - 25 mph NYC ONLY
Registration	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required
Lights Required During Darkness	Required - Front white lights visible 500 ft., Rear red light visible 300 ft.		
Side Reflectors	Required	Required	Recommended
Sound-Making Drive	Required - Bell or horn	Required - Bell or horn	Required - Bell or horn
Helmet	Required only for riders and passengers under 14	Required only for riders and passengers under 14	Required
Age	Age 16 or above	Age 16 or above	Age 16 or above
Classification Label	All E-Bikes and E-Scooters in NY should have the manufacturer's label prominently affixed on what classification it is.		

NOTE: Devices such as mopeds, electric skateboards, segways, hoverboards, and electric unicycles are not considered E-Bikes or E-Scooters and may be illegal to operate on the highways in New York State or subject to other laws or regulations.

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NYS GUIDELINES FOR ELECTRIC SCOOTERS (E-SCOOTERS)



WHAT IS AN E-SCOOTER?

- Device with handlebars, a floorboard or a seat that can be stood or sat upon by the operator, and an electric motor that can be powered by the electric motor and/or human power.
- Electric scooters have a maximum speed of no more than 20 mph on a paved level surface when powered solely by the electric motor.
- Note: It is illegal to operate an electric scooter (as defined in §114-e of NYS VTL) above 15 mph.

PUBLIC ROADWAYS

E-scooter and E-Bikes can be operated on some streets and highways in New York State.

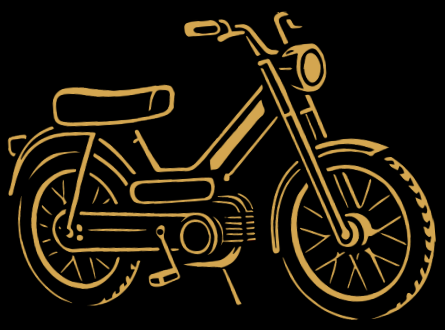
- These devices can be operated on highways with a posted speed limit of 30 mph or less.
- Municipalities can further regulate the time, place, and manner of operation of these devices.
- This devices cannot be operated on a sidewalk except as authorized by local law or ordinance.

LAWFUL OPERATION OF E-BIKES AND E-SCOOTERS:

- E-Bikes and E-Scooters are granted all the rights and are subject to all of the duties applicable to the driver of a motor vehicle and the rider of a bicycle.
- Operating an E-Bike or E-Scooter is not uniform throughout New York State as cities and towns have extensive local authority, including the ability to prohibit E-Bikes or E-Scooters, require helmets, or wear reflective clothing. Consult with your local jurisdiction if you have questions on laws and ordinances in your area.
- Helmets are not always required but are recommended. However, helmets are required for 16 and 17-year-olds operating an E-Scooter and Class 3 E-Bike operators in New York City.
- Operators of E-Bikes and E-Scooters must be at least 16 years old.
- E-Bike operators may carry passengers.
- E-Bikes and E-Scooters are required to use bike lanes wherever possible, and cannot operate on roads with speed limits higher than 30 mph.
- When operating on trails or bike paths, consult with your local municipal or park authorities on their regulations, as they may differ.
- You cannot operate E-Bikes or E-Scooters on sidewalks except as authorized by local law or ordinance.
- E-Bike operators must ride in single file and cannot double up as traditional bicycles can.

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NYS GUIDELINES FOR LIMITED-USE MOTORCYCLES, MOPEDS & MOTORSCOOTERS.



WHAT IS A LIMITED-USE MOTORCYCLE?

- Self-propelled vehicle with 1 or 2 wheels
- Class A: Max speed 30 - 40 mph.
- Class B: Max speed 20 - 30 mph.
- Class C: Max speedless than 20 mph



WHAT IS A MINI-BIKE?

- Small, motorized device with 2 wheels designed for off-road use that does not qualify as UTV, ATV or motorcycle.

WHAT IS A GO-KART?

- Small motorized device with 4 wheels.
- Does not qualify as a motorcycle or an ATV/UTV

LIMITED-USE MOTORCYCLE REQUIREMENTS

Requirements	Class A Over 30 - 40 mph	Class B Over 20 - 30 mph	Class C 20 mph or Less
Driver's License	M / MJ	Any license class	Any license class
Learner's Permit	Learner permit restrictions apply to all permit classes. Junior operator restrictions apply to class DJ and MJ permits and driver licenses. See NYS Graduated License Law.		
Registration	Required	Required	Required
Headlight on when operating	Required	Required	Required
Helmet & eye protection	Required	Required	Recommended
May operate on	any traffic lane	right-hand lane or shoulder only (except when making a left turn)	right-hand lane or shoulder only (except when making a left turn)
Insurance	Required	Required	Recommended (Class C vehicle used as a Rental Vehicle must be insured)
Inspection	Required	Required	Recommended
Title	Not Required	Not Required	Not Required

REFERENCE: NYS VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC LAW, ARTICLE 48C

INFORMATIONAL LINKS:

NYS Department of Motor Vehicles info for ATV owners and operators:

Link to NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law, Article 48-C:

Link to download the Broome County Sheriff's Smartphone App:

Link to Submit Crime Tips to the Broome County Sheriff's Office:

To submit anonymous crime tips by phone, please contact the Broome County Sheriff's Tip Line at (607) 778 - 1196.
In case of emergency, always dial 911.



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