



Western Nevada Safe Routes to School

## PARENT QUICK GUIDE (E-BIKES & E-SCOOTERS)

*6 quick safety questions you can discuss with your kids at dinner*

### 1 Where do you think e-scooters and e-bikes should be ridden - and where shouldn't they be?

E-bikes and scooters are usually safest where bikes go - like bike lanes, bike paths or streets where bikes are allowed. They shouldn't be ridden on sidewalks where people are walking, because they can move much faster than pedestrians.

### 2 What could happen if someone rides an e-bike or scooter too fast around pedestrians or cars?

E-bikes and scooters can go really fast, sometimes faster than regular bikes. If someone is going too fast, they might not have time to stop for a car pulling out, someone crossing a street, or a driveway. Slowing down gives riders more time to react and keeps everyone safe.

### 3 What should you do when you pass a walker or rider?

- Slow down.
- Say "hello."
- Pass when it's safe.
- Say "passing on your left."



### 4 What do you think makes someone easy or hard for drivers to see?

Drivers see riders best when they are predictable and visible:

- Wear bright colors.
- Use lights when it's dark.
- Ride where drivers expect bikes to be.
- Don't dart out between cars.

### 5 If you are riding and come to an intersection or driveway, what should you do to stay safe?

- Slow down.
- Look left-right-left for cars before crossing.
- If you come to a stop sign, then you stop and look, even on a scooter.
- If you're not sure a driver sees you, stop and wait.
- Look for white back up lights on cars in driveways. Intersections and driveways are where a lot of crashes happen.

### 6 Do you need to wear a helmet on your e-bike or e-scooter?

Yes, even on a scooter. Helmets are like a seatbelt for your head. Helmets protect your brain - and you only get 1 brain! If you crash, your head can hit the ground, even if you aren't going fast.

