



BikeWalkKC E-Bike Family Agreement

A shared commitment to safe, responsible e-bike riding

Young Rider Name: _____
Parent / Caregiver: _____
Date: _____

We agree that riding an e-bike is a **privilege that comes with added responsibility**. E-bikes are faster, heavier, and more powerful than regular bicycles. They can be difficult to hear approaching, and other road users — including pedestrians, young children, and pets — may not be able to react quickly. Riding safely protects everyone.

By signing this agreement, we commit to the rules below. These rules are based on Kansas and Missouri law, BikeWalkKC's E-Bike Guide, and the goal of keeping our family and our neighbors safe.

YOUNG RIDER AGREEMENT — I agree that I will:

- ☐ 1. Wear my helmet on every ride — no exceptions.
A properly fitting, speed-rated helmet (rated ASTM F1952, NTA 8776, or DOT) is required every time I ride.
- ☐ 2. Only ride the e-bike my parent/caregiver has approved for me.
I will not ride any other person's e-bike without specific permission.
- ☐ 3. Ride only a Class 1 e-bike if I am between 12 and 15 years old.
Class 3 e-bikes (max 28 mph) are restricted to riders 16 and older by Kansas and Missouri law.
- ☐ 4. Never ride an e-moto.
E-motos are motor vehicles — not e-bikes — and are illegal for minors on public roads, sidewalks, and trails.
- ☐ 5. Ride only in places my parent/caregiver and I have agreed on.
Agreed riding areas: _____
- ☐ 6. Never tamper with or modify the e-bike's motor, controller, battery, or speed limiter.
Bypassing the speed limit is dangerous, voids the warranty, and may make the bike illegal.
- ☐ 7. Obey all traffic laws, including stop signs, traffic lights, speed limits, and road markings.
In Kansas and Missouri, e-bike riders have the same legal duties as drivers.
- ☐ 8. Ride without distractions; I will put away my phone, take off my headphones, keep my eyes on the road.
- ☐ 9. Stay within the speed limit and always ride at a speed appropriate for the conditions.
- ☐ 10. Not carry passengers unless the e-bike is specifically designed for it and I have permission.
Any passenger must also wear a proper helmet.
- ☐ 11. Charge the battery safely, only in our agreed charging location:
Agreed charging location: _____
- ☐ 12. Tell my parent/caregiver right away if the e-bike is damaged, not working correctly, or if I crash or nearly crash.
- ☐ 13. Use good judgment and not take risks to impress friends or try something I saw on social media.
- ☐ 14. Lock the e-bike whenever I leave it unattended.
- ☐ 15. Never ride the e-bike under the influence of alcohol, marijuana, or any drug.
- ☐ 16. Pay for any traffic citations I receive.

- ☐ 17. Maintain good standing in school and fulfill family responsibilities as agreed:
School/responsibility requirements: _____
- ☐ 18. Contribute to maintenance and insurance costs as agreed:
Contribution agreement: _____
- ☐ 19. Not ride after agreed curfew or in unsafe weather.
Riding curfew: _____ p.m. Weather restrictions: _____

PARENT / CAREGIVER AGREEMENT — I agree that I will:

- ☐ 1. Choose an e-bike that is appropriate for my child's age, size, skill level, and maturity.
I will consult the BikeWalkKC E-Bike Guide and a local bike shop before purchasing.
- ☐ 2. Verify that the e-bike is a legal Class 1, 2, or 3 e-bike — not an e-moto.
A legal e-bike must have operable pedals, a motor of 750 watts or less, and a max motor-only speed of 20 mph (28 mph for a Class 3 e-bike)
- ☐ 3. Ensure the battery and electrical system are certified to UL 2849.
Uncertified batteries are a fire risk. I will not purchase an e-bike with uncertified batteries.
- ☐ 4. Provide my child with a properly fitting, speed-rated helmet before any riding.
I will look for a helmet rated ASTM F1952, NTA 8776, or DOT.
- ☐ 5. Make sure my child can ride a conventional bike safely and understands road rules before riding an e-bike.
- ☐ 6. Practice the basics with my child before independent riding: starting, stopping, turning, braking, and scanning for traffic.
- ☐ 7. Set clear, written rules about where, when, and with whom my child may ride — including this agreement.
- ☐ 8. Talk with my child about safe speed, phone use, passengers, and peer pressure.
- ☐ 9. Review local e-bike laws and trail/road rules with my child. Visit BikeWalkKC.org for local law summaries.
- ☐ 10. Regularly check that the e-bike is in safe working condition, including brakes, tires, battery, and lights.
- ☐ 11. Ensure safe charging practices are followed at all times at the agreed charging location.
- ☐ 12. Keep communication open so my child feels comfortable reporting mistakes, close calls, or concerns without fear of punishment.
- ☐ 13. Review this agreement with my child at least once a year or if safety concerns arise.

IF THIS AGREEMENT IS NOT FOLLOWED...

If the young rider breaks one or more of the rules above, they will lose the privilege of riding the e-bike for _____ weeks / months.

Additional consequences: _____

SIGNATURES

By signing below, we agree to follow this plan, support each other in keeping it, and talk openly about safety — including when mistakes happen.

Young Rider and Parent/Caregiver Signatures:

x _____ Date: _____

x _____ Date: _____