

# WASHINGTON E-BIKE LAWS 2026: RCW 46.04.169

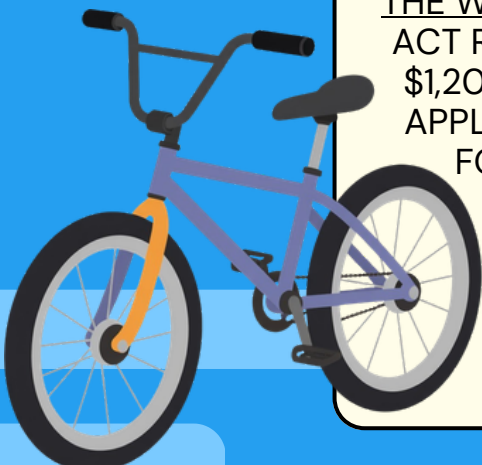
## THREE CLASS SYSTEM:

- **Class 1:** an electric-assisted bicycle "in which the motor provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour."
- **Class 2:** an electric-assisted bicycle "in which the motor may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle and is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour."
- **Class 3:** an electric-assisted bicycle "in which the motor provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 28 miles per hour. This class must be equipped with a speedometer."

## At-a-glance: Washington e-bike rules

Sourced from the Washington statute and verified against the PeopleForBikes State Law Tracker.

Three-class system	✔ Yes	Class 3 street-legal	✔ Yes
Class 3 on bike paths	✘ Banned by default	Class 3 minimum age	16+ years
Class 3 helmet	No statewide rule	Driver license required	✘ Not required
Registration required	✘ Not required	Power cap (federal)	750 W rated



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No statewide helmet law for any class or age.

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