

Parent Decision Checklist

A SAFER RIDE STARTS WITH A FEW SIMPLE CHECKS.

Use this checklist before buying a bike or before approving a bike your child will ride.

If a seller cannot answer clearly, pause and verify before moving forward.



Check the Bike

IS IT THE RIGHT E-BIKE?

- ☐ **Label and class:**
Find the printed class label, exact model, and manufacturer specs.
- ☐ **Motor and speed:**
Confirm the motor's continuous/rated wattage, peak power (if listed), and top assisted speed.
- ☐ **Throttle and pedals:**
Confirm whether the bike can move using the throttle alone, what its throttle-only speed limit is, and that the pedals are functional and actually propel the bike.
- ☐ **Safety features:**
Check the lights, reflectors, bell/horn, and overall build quality.
- ☐ **Unlockable settings:**
Check for app control, off-road or race modes, and speed limits.



Check the Rider

ARE THEY READY?

- ☐ **Fit and control:**
Make sure the rider can stop, steer, balance, and control the bike smoothly.
- ☐ **Maturity and skill:**
Consider the rider's experience, skills, judgment, rule-following, distraction management, and ability to make safe decisions in traffic.
- ☐ **Helmet and safety gear:**
Plan for a properly fitted helmet, lights, reflectors, and visible, weather-appropriate clothing.
- ☐ **Rules and responsibilities:**
Confirm the rider understands local e-bike laws, where they can ride, and your family's rules.
- ☐ **Passenger plan:**
If carrying a passenger, confirm the bike is designed and rated for it, and that carrying a passenger is safe and legal.



Check the Route

IS IT A SAFE PLACE TO RIDE?

- ☐ **Where they will ride:**
Check the actual route (e.g., school, friends, sports), crossings, sidewalks, trails, entrances, and bike racks.
- ☐ **Road and traffic conditions:**
Review traffic, speed limits, intersections, hills, and road surfaces.
- ☐ **School and local rules:**
Confirm rules for streets, bike lanes, trails, sidewalks, and campuses, including any age or class restrictions.
- ☐ **Weather and visibility:**
Consider distance, battery range, weather, lighting, and visibility.
- ☐ **Practice and backup plan:**
Ride the route together, review key crossings and safe choices, and plan an alternate route if conditions are unsafe or e-bikes are not allowed.



Check the Home Plan

ARE EXPECTATIONS CLEAR?

- ☐ **Family agreement:**
Set clear expectations for where, when, and how the bike can be used.
- ☐ **Charging and storage:**
Confirm the correct charger, a safe charging and storage location, and basic battery care.
- ☐ **Local service and support:**
Confirm nearby service and repair options, parts availability, warranty coverage, and return policies.
- ☐ **Maintenance:**
Plan routine checks and service to keep the bike in safe working condition and address issues promptly.
- ☐ **Insurance and liability:**
Confirm your family's insurance covers the rider, the e-bike, injuries to others, and property damage.



Pause Before Approval If...

- The bike's class, speed, or throttle settings are unclear.
- The rider is not able to safely control the bike.
- The planned routes include high-risk roads or restricted areas.
- You are unsure about local laws, school rules, or your child's maturity.



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