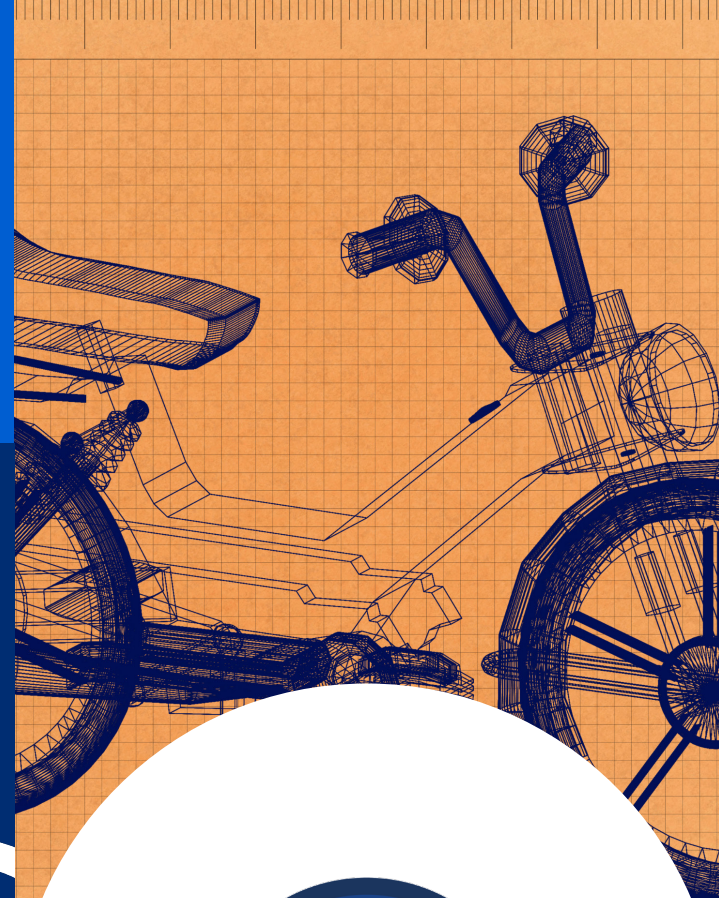
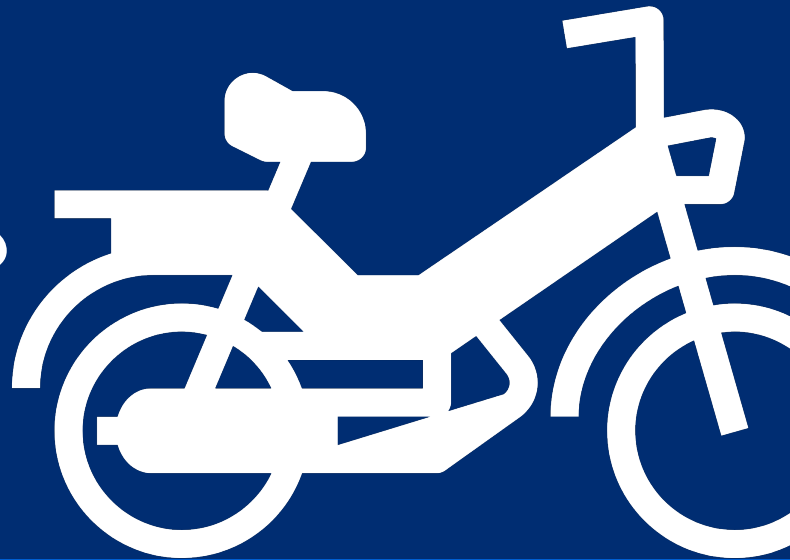




# WHAT IS A MOPED?



**MOPED**  
INFORMATION AND SAFETY

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A moped, by definition, is a pedal or non-pedal bicycle having two tandem wheels, 10 inches or more in maximum diameter, and having an internal combustion motor characterized with maximum piston displacement less than 55 cc, or an electric motor rated between 751 watts and 2,000 watts.

Mopeds typically travel only a bit faster than bicycles on public roads with a top speed of 35 mph, and are distinguished from scooters in that the latter tend to be more powerful and subject to more regulation.

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# SAFETY TIPS

When operating a moped watch for traffic as far ahead as possible, be prepared for sudden stops, for traffic approaching left or right at intersections, and for vehicles pulling out from parking lots.

Always keep two hands on the handlebars.

Being on two wheels makes you less visible to other motorists. Drive defensively and realize that other drivers are used to looking for larger vehicles. Anticipate the actions of other roadway users and assume they do not see you.

Do not wear earbuds/headphones or use a cell phone while operating or riding on a moped.

Only ride mopeds on streets within its respective speed limits.

While law requires only those under the age of 18 must wear a helmet while operating or riding a moped, it is strongly encouraged that every person traveling on a moped (regardless of age) wear a helmet for their safety.

# MOPED

## LAWS & REGULATIONS

You cannot operate a moped on any public road unless you have a valid driver's license.

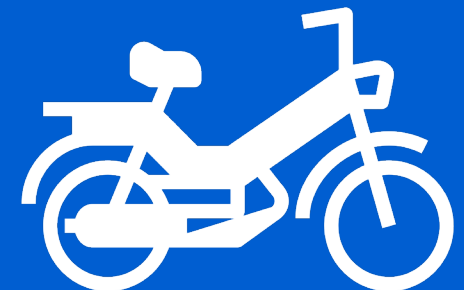
A license plate shall be issued that must be displayed and visible on the rear of the moped.

Mopeds are not permitted to be operated on any of the dedicated walking/biking trails unless the helper motor has been turned off.

Mopeds must have a light on the front and rear that is visible for at least 100 feet and a bell or other device capable of giving an audible signal.

Helmets are a requirement for moped operators and passengers under the age of 18.

It is illegal to operate a moped while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.



**ALWAYS FOLLOW  
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