

Scooter/mopeds and other slow speed vehicles are becoming a significant concern at Okanagan Mission Secondary School.

Many are being operated by students who are under the age of 16, often without helmets for the drivers and passengers, and in dangerous and improper ways.

The **British Columbia Court** of Appeal has upheld (Feb. 9, 2021) a **B.C. Supreme Court ruling** that e-bikes designed to look and function more like **mopeds** or **scooters** do not meet the province's definition of a motor-assisted cycle and therefore require a driver's licence, registration and insurance. CBC New Article is [here](#). BC Court of Appeal decision [here](#).

This is the law relating to scooters (electric and gas) and electric bikes as we have explained it to our students and confirmed by our RCMP School Resource Officer.

E-BIKES + SCOOTERS - THE LAW



Motor Assisted Cycles

- Combine bicycle power with electric motor assistance. Must have pedals.
- Max speed of 32 km/hr on level ground.
- Students under 16 are not legally allowed to operate.
- Operator & passenger must wear a bicycle helmet.



Limited Speed Motorcycles

- Mopeds/scooters, pedals or not
- Max speed of 70 km/hr on level ground
- Must be licenced, registered, and insured.
- Operator must have a driver's license.
- Operator & passenger must wear a motorcycle helmet.



Both types are subject to same rights and duties of a motor vehicle, including obeying all traffic lights & control devices.

Please also click the links for [more](#) information from ICBC on [electric bikes](#) and [Mopeds and Scooters](#).

All students who are in violation of the law will be referred to our RCMP School Resources Officer who may write a traffic ticket with a fine for the violation.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your student's administrator.