BIKE SAFETY

1. Obey all rules of the road and all local traffic laws.
2. Always wear a helmet and foot protection.
3. You are sharing the road or the path with others motorists, pedestrians and other cyclists. Respect their rights.
4. Ride defensively. Always assume that others do not see you.
5. Look ahead, and be ready to avoid:
   • Vehicles that are slow or turning, entering the road or your lane ahead of you, or coming up behind you.
   • Parked car doors opening.
   • Pedestrians stepping out.
   • Children or pets playing near the road.
   • Pot holes, sewer grating, railroad tracks, expansion joints, road or sidewalk construction, debris and other obstructions that could cause you to swerve into traffic, catch your wheel or otherwise cause you to lose control and have an accident.
   • The many other hazards and distractions which can occur on a e-bike ride.
6. Ride in designated bike lanes, on designated bike paths or as close to the edge of the road as possible, in the direction of traffic flow or as directed by local governing laws.
7. Stop at stop signs and traffic lights; slow down and look both ways at street intersections. Remember that a bicycle always loses in a collision with a motor vehicle, so be prepared to yield even if you have the right of way.
8. Never ride with headphones. They mask traffic sounds and emergency vehicle sirens, distract you from concentrating on what’s going on around you, and their wires can tangle in the moving parts of the bicycle, causing you to lose control.
9. Don’t do stunts, wheelies or jumps. Think carefully about your skills before deciding to take the large risks that go with this kind of riding.
10. Don’t weave through traffic or make any moves that may surprise people with whom you are sharing the road.
11. Observe and yield the right of way.
12. Never ride your e-bike while under the influence of alcohol or drugs.
13. If possible, avoid riding in bad weather, when visibility is obscured, at dawn, dusk or in the dark, or when extremely tired. Each of these conditions increases the risk of accident.