



316.003 Definitions —

(4) Bicycle — Every vehicle propelled solely by human power, having two tandem wheels, and including any device generally recognized as a bicycle though equipped with two front or two rear wheels. The term does not include a scooter or similar device.

(22) Electric Bicycle — A bicycle or tricycle equipped with fully operable pedals, a seat or saddle for the use of the rider, and an electric motor of less than 750 watts which meets the requirements of one of the following three classifications:

(a) “Class 1 electric bicycle” means an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the electric bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.

(b) “Class 2 electric bicycle” means an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the electric bicycle and that ceases to provide assistance when the electric bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour.

(c) “Class 3 electric bicycle” means an electric bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling and that ceases to provide assistance when the electric bicycle reaches the speed of 28 miles per hour.

(44) Motor Vehicle — a self-propelled vehicle not operated upon rails or guideway, but not including any bicycle, electric bicycle, motorized scooter, electric personal assistive mobility device, mobile carrier, personal delivery device, swamp buggy, or moped.

(103) Vehicle — Every device in, upon, or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway.

Responsibilities as a driver —

A bicycle is a vehicle. When operated on the roadway, a bicyclist has all the duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle on the roadway, including but not limited to:

- 316.074 Obedience to and required traffic control devices**
- 316.075 Traffic control signal devices**
- 316.081 Driving on right side of roadway**
- 316.085 Limitations on overtaking, passing, changing lanes and course**
- 316.088 One-way roadways and rotary traffic islands**
- 316.123 Vehicle entering stop or yield intersection**
- 316.125 Vehicle entering highway from private road or driveway or emerging from alley, driveway or building**
- 316.155 When signal required**
- 316.1575 Obedience to traffic control devices at railroad-highway grade crossings**
- 316.193 Driving under the influence**
- 316.1936 Possession of open containers of alcoholic beverages in vehicles prohibited**

316.2065 Bicycle regulations —

(1) Every person propelling a vehicle by human power has all rights and all of the duties applicable to the driver of any other vehicle, except as to special regulations in this chapter.

(2) A person operating a bicycle may not ride other than upon or astride a permanent and regular seat attached thereto.

3(a) A bicycle may not carry more persons than designed or equipped, except an adult rider may carry a child securely attached to his/her person in a backpack or sling.

(3)(b) Riders must carry passengers under 4 years of age or 40 lbs or less in separate seat or carrier.

(3)(d) A rider or passenger under 16 must wear a bicycle helmet that is properly fitted and fastened securely.

(4) No person riding a bicycle, coaster, roller skates, or toy vehicle may attach to any vehicle upon a roadway except for a trailer designed for such attachment.

(5)(a) Bicycles traveling at less than the normal speed of traffic shall ride in the bike lane or, if no bike lane, as close as practicable to the right-hand curb except:

- when overtaking another vehicle proceeding in the same direction,
- preparing for a left turn
- when reasonably necessary to avoid any condition or potential conflict, or when riding in a substandard-width lane, which makes it unsafe to continue along the right-hand curb or edge or within a bicycle lane.

A “substandard-width lane” is a lane that is too narrow for a bicycle and another vehicle to travel safely side by side within the lane.

(5)(b) Bicyclist may ride near the left-hand curb or edge on a one-way highway with two or more marked traffic lanes.

(6) When on roadway, may not ride more than two abreast except on part of roadway set aside for bicycles. If riding two abreast, may not impede traffic when traveling at less than normal speed under conditions then existing and shall ride within a single lane.

(7) Bicycle in use between sunset and sunrise shall be equipped with white lamp on front and a red lamp and reflector on rear; additional lighting permitted.

(8) No parent or guardian of any minor may authorize or knowingly permit the violation of this section.

(9) Bicyclist riding on a sidewalk, or across a roadway within a crosswalk, has all the rights and duties applicable to a pedestrian.

(10) Bicyclist on a sidewalk or crosswalk shall yield to pedestrians and give an audible signal before overtaking.

(11) No person on roller skates, coaster, toy vehicle, or similar device may go upon a roadway except while crossing a street within a crosswalk and, when doing so, has the duties of a pedestrian.

316.20655 Electric bicycle regulations —

(1) Except as otherwise provided in this section, an operator of an electric bicycle shall be afforded all the rights, and be subject to all of the duties, of the operator of a bicycle, including 316.2065. An electric bicycle is a vehicle to the same extent as a bicycle.

(2) An operator of an electric bicycle is not subject to the provisions of law relating to financial responsibility, driver or motor vehicle licenses, vehicle registration, title certificates, off-highway motorcycles, or off-highway vehicles.

(3) Beginning January 1, 2021, distributors of electric bicycles shall apply a label that is permanently affixed in a prominent location and must contain the classification number, top assisted speed, and motor wattage.

(4) A person may not modify an electric bicycle to change the motor-powered speed capability or engagement unless the label required in subsection (3) is replaced after such modification.

(6) An electric bicycle must operate in a manner so that the electric motor is disengaged or ceases to function when the rider stops pedaling or when the brakes are applied.

(7) An operator may ride an electric bicycle where bicycles are allowed, including, but not limited to, streets, highways, roadways, shoulders, bicycle lanes, and bicycle or multiuse paths.

316.083 Overtaking and passing a vehicle —

(1) The driver of a vehicle overtaking a bicycle or other nonmotorized vehicle, or an electric bicycle, must pass at a safe distance of not less than 3 feet.

316.151 Required position and method of turning at intersections —

(1)(b) Left turn — A person riding a bicycle intending to turn left is entitled to the full use of the lane from which the turn may legally be made.

(1)(c) Left turn by bicycle — A bicyclist may also complete a left turn in two steps.

316.155 When signal required —

Signal of intent to turn must be given continuously during the last 100 feet before turn, except a bicyclist need not give arm signal continuously.

316.1995 Driving on sidewalk or bike path —

No person shall drive a vehicle other than by human power upon sidewalk or bicycle path (excludes electric bicycles, micromobility devices, and motorized scooters).

316.2397 (7)(c) Certain lights prohibited —

Bicycle lights may flash.

316.304 Wearing of headsets —

No person shall operate a vehicle wearing a headset, headphone, or other listening device, other than a hearing aid. This does not apply to a headset in conjunction with a cellular telephone that only provides sound through one ear and allows surrounding sounds to be heard.

316.008 Powers of local authorities —

Local governments may further regulate the operation of bicycles, electric bicycles, electric personal assistive mobility devices, golf carts, and other vehicles as well as certain pedestrian actions.

316.2128 Micromobility devices, motorized scooters, and miniature motorcycles —

(1) The operator of a motorized scooter or micromobility device has all of the rights and duties applicable to the rider of a bicycle under 316.2065, except 316.2065(2), (3)(b), and (3)(c), which by their nature do not apply.

Disclaimer: Statutes cited above are abbreviated.

Complete Florida Statutes text can be found here:

<http://www.leg.state.fl.us/Statutes>
(Title XXIII, Chapter 316)