



# LONDON GROVE TOWNSHIP

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **The Growing Trend: E-Bikes and E-Scooters – Safety and Etiquette Reminders for All Riders**

With the rising popularity of E-Bikes and E-Scooters, especially among youth, it's important to highlight the importance of safe and respectful riding. These modern modes of transportation provide a fun and exciting sense of freedom, but they also come with responsibilities.

To ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all, we encourage all riders to remember the **three big C's**:

### **Cautious. Courteous. Careful!**

#### **Be Cautious**

Always be alert and aware of your surroundings. Riding too fast or failing to notice others can lead to serious accidents. A cautious rider anticipates potential hazards and takes steps to avoid them. For example, when approaching a pedestrian on a trail or sidewalk, slow down and pass safely. Think ahead and ride defensively to protect yourself and those around you.

#### **Be Courteous**

Share the path. Respect others using the trail or sidewalk. A friendly greeting, a bell ring, or a simple "hello" goes a long way when passing someone. Show good manners and a considerate attitude toward all users, especially pedestrians and other cyclists.

#### **Be Careful**

Ride with purpose and attention. Make deliberate, safe decisions to avoid accidents or damage to yourself, others, or your equipment. Whether it's adjusting your speed, checking blind spots, or navigating crowded areas—ride thoughtfully at all times.

## Where Are E-Bikes Allowed?

In accordance with the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code, E-Bikes are permitted on trails and sidewalks already open to traditional bicycles, as long as they meet the following criteria:

- Weigh **no more than 100 lbs**
- Have a motor that does **not exceed 750 watts**
- Do **not exceed 20 mph** when operating under motor power alone
- Have **fully operable pedals**

Currently, **London Grove Township** does not have a specific policy on E-Bikes or E-Scooters. The Township follows **state and federal guidelines**. In areas where traditional pedal bicycles are permitted, E-Bikes are also allowed—provided they meet the legal requirements above. If pedal bikes are restricted, the same applies to E-Bikes.

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## General Safety & Etiquette Guidelines

No matter what type of bike or scooter you ride, safety and courtesy should always come first:

- Know your device: Understand what you're riding and its capabilities.
  - Travel at safe speeds, especially in crowded areas or poor weather.
  - Stay to the **right**; pass others on the **left**.
  - Give a friendly greeting when approaching pedestrians or slower users.
  - Obey **all traffic laws** and local regulations.
  - Slow down in congested or high-traffic zones.
  - **Always yield to pedestrians**—they have the right of way.
  - **Helmets are required** by law for riders under age 12, and recommended for all ages.
  - Ride in **single file** when in a group.
  - Expect the unexpected—people and animals can behave unpredictably.
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For questions or concerns, please contact **London Grove Township** at **610-345-0100**.

Let's keep our community safe, respectful, and fun for everyone—on wheels or on foot.