

# FAQs Micro-mobility in Boston

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## **Where can I find e-scooters in the Boston area?**

Boston and most of the surrounding cities are not currently permitting scooter share companies to operate. From April to November 2019, Brookline is conducting a trial with Bird and Lime.

## **Do I need a license to ride an e-scooter?**

Yes, you [need](#) to have either a license or a learner's permit for regular passenger vehicles, and be 16 years or older. Currently, Massachusetts does not differentiate between motorized kick scooter and seated scooters (i.e. mopeds).

## **Do I need a license to ride an e-bike?**

Yes, you [need](#) to have either a license or a learner's permit for regular passenger vehicles, and be 16 years or older.

## **Do I need to wear a helmet while riding an e-bike?**

Yes. It's a good idea anyway, but unlike regular bikes, Massachusetts [requires](#) people riding on e-bikes to wear appropriate headgear.

## **Can I ride my e-bike on shared use paths (paths for pedestrians and cyclists)?**

Currently, Massachusetts state law [prohibits](#) e-bikes from using shared use paths. As a general rule, e-bikes should set their pedal assist to zero when traveling among pedestrians.

## **Should I worry about theft of an e-bike?**

Theft is a serious worry due to the higher price tag on e-bikes. Best practices for locking a bike should be used. Since most e-bike configurations make it difficult to remove the rear wheel, it is most important to lock the frame and front wheel. Any removable components such as a removable battery or GPS system should be taken with you when leaving your e-bike.

## **Do I need a motorcycle license to ride an e-moped?**

An e-scooter with a maximum speed of 30 mph (as regulated by a motor size smaller than 50 cc) requires a passenger vehicle license but not a motorcycle license to operate.

## **Do I need to register an e-moped?**

Yes, e-mopeds need to be registered with the RMV and receive a [sticker](#). This is different from a registration tag, which is required for larger mopeds.

## **Can I ride an e-moped in the bike lane?**

Yes, Boston [allows](#) motorized two wheelers with engines smaller than 50 cc to use the bike lane. However, like e-bikes, e-mopeds are not allowed on off-road shared use paths.

**Where can I park my e-moped?**

Since e-mopeds are quite small, locking the vehicle to an object is better than simply parking in a parking spot, though it is legal to do so. 50cc and smaller mopeds can park on the sidewalk and at bike racks as long as they do not impede accessibility.