



## **Rob Levine & Associates: The Legal Nuances Of Electric Bicycles**

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Providence, RI based Rob Levine & Associates Personal Injury Lawyers would like to reach out to the wider public to discuss the safety and legal concerns of electric bicycles (or e-bikes). The firm recently published a post on their blog that aims to educate their readers on this subject.

According to the firm, e-bikes may generally be considered bicycles that run with the help of electric-powered motors. However, the specific definition of an e-bike differs from state to state. In Rhode Island, for example, an e-bike is defined as a vehicle with a power output no greater than 1,491W, a maximum speed of 25 miles per hour and fully operable pedals. In Massachusetts, e-bikes are defined as motorized bicycles with a maximum speed of 25 miles per hour. E-bikes have been growing in popularity over the past few years and show no indication of suddenly going out of style. Estimates show that around 130 million e-bikes will be sold between 2020 and 2023.

This popularity is not without cause. Although e-bikes can be quite expensive, they provide numerous benefits that make purchasing them worthwhile. They are versatile and can operate on paved roads, forest paths, mountain passes and much more. They emit low amounts of carbon dioxide, helping people reduce

their carbon footprint and become more eco-friendly. E-bikes also tend to come equipped with technology that provides riders with navigation, travel data and fitness tracking capabilities. The electric motors installed in e-bikes help riders travel for longer distances and periods. They also give people who cannot ride a standard bike, such as those who suffer from joint pain or heart conditions, an opportunity to experience biking.

Despite the advantages they offer, the firm recommends that buyers carry out research on the legal nuances of e-bikes before deciding to purchase one. E-bikes, like any other vehicle, are subject to various road rules. They have to obey speed limits, road signs, road signals, traffic patterns and other rules. States also have specific guidelines regarding the operation of e-bikes. In Rhode Island, there is no need to secure a license, registration and insurance to operate an e-bike. There are also no laws that state that there is a minimum age for riding e-bikes or that e-bike riders must wear helmets. There is also no state law here that specifies whether e-bikes are allowed to operate on bike paths.

Laws may be stricter in other states, however. For example, registration and a license is needed to operate an e-bike in Massachusetts. E-bike riders also have to be at least 16 years old and wear helmets while riding, and e-bikes are not allowed on bike paths and sidewalks. Those who wish to learn more about e-bikes and the legalities associated with them are welcome to read the full article on the firm's website.

Although e-bikes are not necessarily more dangerous than standard bicycles, they still can do significant harm. A rider can get injured in an e-bike accident due to another party's negligence. Similarly, pedestrians and drivers of other vehicles may find themselves in an accident if an e-bike rider does not respect the rules of the road. When this happens, Rob Levin & Associates is ready to help the wounded party receive the compensation they deserve.

Rob Levin & Associates is a personal injury law office known for successfully representing their clients in numerous cases. They are also widely recognized for their philanthropic efforts, and both have cemented the firm's high standing in their community and generated many positive reviews.

Kevin Williams says in a 5-Star Google review, "Rob Levine & Associates were highly recommended by a personal friend. My initial call to them was met with a quick response! If a business arrangement is accepted, they will provide all the necessary paperwork for your review in a timely and extremely professional manner. They'll answer any/all questions and leave no stone unturned regarding the entire process! Most importantly, be as professional as you expect them to be! Provide any documents or evidence you possess for their review, verification and claim(s) development. They always keep you informed on the status of your case soon after it's available. Remember, this is a team effort, so, do your part by providing what they ask for ASAP!"

John Alba says in another 5-Star review, "I am having the pleasure of working with Valeria, who I regard as a true professional. She answered all my questions while making me feel comfortable during our conversation. She did an excellent job in explaining my options. Valeria is doing an amazing job as my case manager with Rob Levine & Associates. She provided me with the documentation and information I needed extremely fast and repeatedly advised me to contact her if I have any questions. A great representative."

Further details regarding the full scope of the firm's services may be found on their official website. Clients are also welcome to contact Denis Dahlstead of Rob Levine & Associates Personal Injury Lawyers directly if they wish to schedule a consultation. Similarly, they may stay up to date with the latest announcements and other news from Rob Levine & Associates by visiting the firm's Press Advantage media room.

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