

URGENT: E-BIKE REGULATIONS

NSW COMPLIANCE & PARENTAL LIABILITY GUIDE 2026

CRACKDOWN ACTIVE: NON-COMPLIANT BIKES ARE SUBJECT TO SEIZURE AND DESTRUCTION.

1. THE COMPLIANCE STICKER RULE

Under the **Road Rules 2014**, any e-bike used in public must be an EPAC (Electrically Power Assisted Cycle).

- **The 250W Cap:** Motor power must not exceed 250W. The previous 500W allowance ended Dec 2025.
- **Mandatory Labeling:** A permanent **EN 15194 compliance sticker** must be visible on the frame.
- **Rating > 250W:** Legally classified as a **Motorcycle**. Riding without registration, insurance, and a license is a criminal offense subject to vehicle impoundment.

2. SEIZURE & RETAILER ACCOUNTABILITY

Pursuant to the **Road Transport Act 2013**, Police are conducting active roadside inspections:

- **No Sticker = Immediate Seizure:** Bikes lacking compliance stickers are presumed illegal.
- **Retailer Warning:** Businesses selling motorbikes as "e-bikes" without road-legality warnings are in breach of **Australian Consumer Law**. Report illegal sales to Fair Trading.
- **Dyno Testing:** Police use portable Dyno units to test motor wattage output in real-time.

PENALTIES AT A GLANCE

Unregistered Vehicle: \$700+ Fine
Uninsured Vehicle: \$700+ Fine
Unlicensed Rider: Court Attendance
TfNSW Seizure Fee: \$1,200+
Destruction Order: Final (No Appeal)

QUICK COMPLIANCE CHECK

- Is there a permanent EN 15194 sticker?
- Is the motor rated 250W or less?
- Does motor assist cut out at 25km/h?
- Is the rider wearing an approved helmet?
- Is the bike used on roads/shared paths?

PARENTS: IS YOUR HOME AT RISK?

If an underage rider causes an accident on an illegal e-bike:

1. **NO INSURANCE PROTECTION:** Home insurance policies strictly exclude "unregistered motor vehicles." Illegal e-bikes fall under this category.
2. **PERSONAL LIABILITY:** Parents can be sued for millions in medical costs and damages.
3. **ASSET LIQUIDATION:** Your house, savings, and assets can be seized to pay legal debts.

3. FEDERAL IMPORT & OFF-ROAD USE

The **Road Vehicle Standards Act 2018** now restricts the entry of high-powered "e-motorbikes."

- **Off-Road Only:** Motors over 250W are strictly for **Private Property Only**.
- **The "Gap" Period:** Bikes imported 2021–2025 are not "grandfathered." If they exceed 250W, they are illegal for public road use today.

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For the full compliance checklist and official safety videos, visit:
www.transport.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/ebikes

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