

# **QUICK REFERENCE FOR LOW / MED SPEED VEHICLES, MOTOR SCOOTERS, MOTORIZED BICYCLES, AND PERSONAL MOBILITY VEHICLES**

## **LOW AND MEDIUM SPEED VEHICLES:**

**A Low Speed Vehicle is defined as:**

- “Low speed vehicle” means any four-wheeled electric or gasoline vehicle, excluding golf carts, whose top speed is greater than twenty miles per hour (20mph), but not greater than twenty-five miles per hour (25 mph), including neighborhood electric vehicles. Low speed vehicles must comply with the standards in 49 CFR 571.500.

**A Medium Speed Vehicle is defines as:**

- “Medium speed vehicle” means any four-wheeled electric or gasoline-powered vehicle, excluding golf carts, whose top speed is greater than thirty miles per hour (30 mph), but not greater than thirty-five miles per hour (35 mph), including neighborhood electric vehicles. Medium speed vehicles must comply with the standards in 49 CFR 571.500.

**Low & Med speed vehicles must be certified to meet all Federal safety standards for street usage.**

**Low and Med speed vehicles must be registered & display a tag. 55-4-101**

**Drivers of Low & Med speed vehicles must have a Class D Drivers License in their possession. 55-8-191**

**Low speed vehicles may be driven on streets with a speed limit of 35 MPH or less. 55-8-191**

**Medium speed vehicles may be driven on streets with a speed limit of 40 MPH or less. 55-8-191**

**ATV’s, 4 Wheelers, and Gators are not street legal**

## **MOTOR DRIVEN CYCLE:**

**A Motor Driven Cycle (Motor Scooter or Moped) is defined as:**

- **Motor Driven Cycle.** Every motorcycle, including every motor scooter, with a motor that produces a maximum of five (5) brake horsepower, or with a motor with a cylinder capacity not exceeding one hundred and twenty-five cubic centimeters (125cc).

**Motor Driven Cycles (Scooters) must have a registration tag. 55-4-101**

Drivers over 16 must possess a Class M or a Class M-Limited operator's license  
Drivers age 15 may possess a Class P-M, learners permit license  
Drivers age 14 may possess a Restricted license.

- Restrictions include daylight hours only, within 7 miles of home,, and other restrictions.

A helmet must be worn by drivers and passengers. 55-9-302

### **MOTORIZED BICYCLES:**

A Motorized Bicycle is defined as:

- **Motorcycle Bicycle.** A vehicle with two (2) or three (3) wheels, and automatic transmission, and a motor with a cylinder capacity not exceeding fifty (50) cubic centimeters which produces no more that two (2) brake horsepower and is capable of propelling the vehicle at a maximum design speed of no more than thirty (30) miles per hour on level ground.

Motorized Bicycles are NOT required to have a registration tag.

Operators must possess a Class M, Class P-M, or a Motorized Bicycle License  
Operators age 14 to 16 may possess a Restricted Motorized Bicycle License

- Restrictions include daylight hours only and within a 7 mile radius of home.

A helmet must be worn by drivers and passengers. 55-9-302

### **PERSONAL MOBILITY VEHICLES:**

An "Electric Personal Assistive Mobility Device" (Segway Type) is defined as:

A self-balancing, two non-tandem wheeled devices that transport only one person, having an electric propulsion system with an average of 750 watts or one horsepower, and a maximum speed on a paved level surface, while transporting a 170-pound operator, of less than 20 mph.

The device would also have to be equipped with side reflectors and an illuminating lamp for use during operation between 30 minutes past sunset and 30 minutes before sunrise, unless the operator instead wears a headlight and reflectors on the operator's body while using the device during these hours. 55-53-103

The device may be operated upon public highways, sidewalks, bike trails, or bicycle routes. 55-53-104

The operator is required to obey speed limits for motor vehicles and yield the right-of-way to pedestrians and motor vehicles at all times. 55-53-104

A Motorized Wheelchair (Rascal, Scooter, or Power Chair) is defined the same as a Pedestrian:

“Pedestrian” means any person afoot or using a motorized or non-motorized wheelchair.

- Motorized Wheelchairs must use sidewalks when available. When not, must use the left side of the roadway or the shoulder. 55-8-138
- All “Pedestrian” laws apply to persons using Motorized Wheelchairs.
- Drivers shall exercise due care to avoid colliding with any pedestrian upon any roadway. 55-8-136

#### **GOLF CARTS:**

Golf Carts may not be driven on public streets.