

PEDAL GUERRERO

General E-Bike Safety

Know the basics. Ride with confidence.

San Antonio, TX

■ CHECK YOUR ABCs BEFORE EVERY SINGLE RIDE

Every time you ride — Air, Brakes, Battery, Bolts, Cable & Chain.

A

AIR

Check both tires are properly inflated before you roll. Soft tires affect handling and braking distance.

B

BRAKES, BATTERY & BOLTS

Squeeze both brake levers firmly each should stop the wheel cleanly. Battery charged and locked in. Nothing loose or rattling.

C

CABLE & CHAIN

Inspect cables for fraying or kinks. Chain moves freely without rust or stiffness.



OBEY ALL TRAFFIC RULES

- Ride with traffic never against it.
- Stop at all red lights and stop signs.
- Use hand signals before turning or stopping.
- Ride as far right as safely possible.
- Yield to pedestrians at all times.
- White light front, red light or reflector rear.
- Stay alert one earbud max.
- Never operate under the influence fines and arrest can apply.
- Riding on the sidewalk is prohibited



SMART RIDER TIPS



Stay hydrated!

Do you have water? South Texas heat is serious drink before, during, and after.



Helmets: Highly Recommended

Not required by law, but we strongly recommend one. Protect your noggin.



Wear Bright Clothing

The more visible you are, the safer you are.



Ride Within Your Ability

Adjust for weather, terrain, traffic, and your own physical condition.

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E-Bike Fire Safety Tips
Lithium-ion fires burn HOT and FAST.

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A battery fire can engulf a room in under two minutes.

Prevention is your only reliable protection. Know the rules. Follow them every time.



Use Certified Equipment

Only use UL-certified chargers and accessories with your e-bike. Certification matters.



Use the Original Charger Only

Always use the manufacturer's OEM charger. Aftermarket chargers are a leading cause of e-bike battery fires.



Charge in a Safe, Ventilated Space

Charge in a garage, hallway, or ventilated area. Never in a bedroom, near exits, or in a closed space.



Never Leave Charging Unattended

Stay home and awake while your battery charges. Fires that start unattended spread the fastest.



Do Not Charge Overnight

Never charge while sleeping. If the battery fails, you need to be awake to respond and evacuate.



Batteries Can Be Damaged

Dropping the battery, dropping the bike, or crashing can damage a battery internally. A damaged battery can cause a fire — even if it looks fine on the outside.



Check Battery Temperature While Charging

If your battery feels hotter than normal while charging — disconnect it from the power source immediately. Do not use it. Do not charge it again until inspected.



Watch for Danger Signs

Swelling, unusual heat, hissing sounds, strange smell, or discoloration are all warning signs. Stop use immediately.



Get Replacements From the Manufacturer

Always get replacement batteries and charging equipment directly from the manufacturer. Never trust a third-party source — counterfeit batteries are a serious fire risk.



Recycle Properly

Never put lithium batteries in trash or regular recycling bins. Find a certified drop-off near you at call2recycle.org/e-bikes

IF YOUR BATTERY CATCHES FIRE:

1. GET OUT immediately do not attempt to move the bike.
2. CALL 911 — Do NOT use water. Use a Class B/C dry chemical fire extinguisher only.

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E-Bikes & Children — Know the Risks
Protect children. Understand the dangers.

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⊖ PEDAL GUERRERO AND STAFF NEVER RECOMMEND CHILDREN ON E-BIKES.

E-BIKES ARE NOT TOYS

E-bikes can reach speeds of 20–28 mph These are powerful motor vehicles, not bicycles for play.

⚠ WHY CHILDREN SHOULD NOT RIDE E-BIKES

01

Braking Distance & Hydraulic Brakes

Many e-bikes use hydraulic disc brakes that stop the bike extremely quickly faster than most children expect. It is easy to grab too much brake and cause the bike to skid, tip, or crash. Children have less experience managing braking distance at higher speeds, especially with the added weight of an e-bike.

02

Roadway Access Under the Department of Transportation

Bicycles, including e-bikes, fall under the Department of Transportation and have legal access to the roadway alongside motor vehicles. This presents an inherent danger for children riding in traffic. Unlike adult riders, children may not have the awareness, judgment, or physical ability to safely navigate alongside cars, trucks, and buses.

03

Children Are Carefree by Nature

Children are wired to have fun. They may not recognize hazards ahead, may not look before turning, and may not anticipate the actions of vehicles or pedestrians around them. That carefree spirit is wonderful, but it is dangerous on a vehicle that can reach higher speeds.

04

No Equipment Makes an E-Bike Safe for a Child

A helmet does not make an e-bike safe for a child. Knee pads do not make an e-bike safe for a child. No amount of protective equipment changes the fact that these are powerful motor vehicles that require adult judgment, adult strength, and adult experience to operate safely. Gear reduces injury in a crash, it does not prevent the crash from happening.

05

This Program Is for Adults Only

The City of San Antonio E-Bike Rebate Program issues adult-rated e-bikes. These bikes are not designed, rated, or approved for use by children or minors. As the registered owner, you are solely responsible for ensuring only qualified adult riders operate your e-bike.

06

Know Your Local, State & Federal Laws

Laws governing e-bike use by minors vary. Many jurisdictions prohibit riders under 16 from operating Class 2 or Class 3 e-bikes on public roads and trails. Always check your local, state, and federal regulations before allowing any rider adult or minor to operate your e-bike.



REAL RISKS. REAL CONSEQUENCES.

Just because a child can physically ride an e-bike does not mean it is safe or legal.

As the registered owner, you are fully responsible for who rides your e-bike and what happens when they do.

Be informed. Prevent injury. Protect young lives.

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COSA Trail System Etiquette

Howard W. Peak Greenway — San Antonio, TX

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🚧 POSTED SPEED LIMIT: 15 MPH ON ALL TRAILS 🚧

Trails are shared spaces. Slow down. Look ahead. Be respectful.

🔊 Announce Passing Call out “Passing on left” before overtaking anyone. Only pass when it is safe to do so just like a vehicle changing lanes.	⚠️ Bikes Yield to Pedestrians Yield to pedestrians at ALL times. If an e-bike hits someone on a City trail, it could be the rider’s fault. Slow down. Announce. Pass safely.	🚦 Follow All Posted Signs Obey yield signs, stop signs, speed limit signs, and trail signals. The same rules that apply to vehicles apply to you.
🐕 Keep Dogs on Short Leash Pets must be leashed and under control at all times on all City trails.	◀ Pull to Edge When Stopping When stopping, pull completely to the far right edge. Never block the trail for others.	👶 Keep Children Close Supervise children at all times. Keep them to the right and out of the travel lane.
🚶 Single File When Needed Side by side may not leave enough room. Go single file when the trail is narrow or busy.	📱 Carry a Charged Phone Always carry a fully charged cell phone in case of emergency, injury, or getting lost.	🚵 Use the Buddy System Ride with a partner when possible especially on longer or remote trail sections.
🐾 Stay on Main Trails Remain on designated paths. No off-trail riding, shortcutting, or trail creation.	💧 Bring Water & Sunscreen South Texas heat is serious. Hydrate before, during, and after every ride.	⬤ Solid Stripes — Stop & Wait At solid stripe crossings, slow down and stop if needed. Do not cross until fully clear.
🎧 One Earbud Only Keep one ear free to hear approaching riders, trail hazards, and emergency vehicles.	👁️ Be Aware of Surroundings Eyes up, head on a swivel. Watch for wildlife, trail hazards, and other users at all times.	💬 Tell Someone Your Route Let someone know where you’re going and when to expect you back before heading out.
👯 These Are Your Neighbors The trails belong to everyone. Riders, walkers, joggers, families — this is your community. Ride with courtesy and respect. Do not terrorize the people sharing this space with you.	🛠️ Carry Your Flat Kit Always bring a spare tube, tire levers, and a pump or CO2 inflator. Know how to change a flat before you ride help may not be nearby and a flat should not end your ride.	📞 Emergency Contacts Emergency: 911 SAPD Non-emergency: (210) 207-SAPD Use mile markers to report your exact location on the trail.

🐾 Popular Routes: Mission Reach • Leon Creek Greenway • Salado Creek Greenway • Medina River Trail • San Antonio River Walk (lower)

Trail map: sanantonio.gov/ParksAndRec/Parks-Facilities/Greenways

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E-Bike Theft Prevention Tips

Your goal: make your bike undesirable to a thief.

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2.4M

bikes stolen annually in the U.S.

Top 5

Texas ranks for bicycle theft nationally

<5%

of stolen bikes are ever recovered

🔒 HOW TO LOCK YOUR E-BIKE CORRECTLY

1

Frame + Rear Wheel First

Run your U-lock through the frame AND rear wheel to a fixed object. Locking the frame alone is never enough — the wheel can still be removed.

2

Secure the Front Wheel Too

Use a cable or second lock through the front wheel. Quick-release wheels can disappear in under 10 seconds.

3

Lock to Something Fixed & Immovable

Bike rack or anchored metal post only. Not chain-link fence, wooden rails, or anything that can be lifted, cut, or removed.

4

Keep the Lock Off the Ground

A lock resting on the ground gives thieves leverage to use bolt cutters. Keep it tight, elevated, and filled with frame.

5

Remove Everything You Can

Seat, pedals, lights, bags — remove them all. A thief who can't sit on it or pedal it has to push it. A bike they have to push is a bike they'll leave behind.

6

Store Indoors Overnight

The safest bike is one a thief never sees. Bring it inside overnight whenever possible.

🔒 CHOOSING A LOCK — WHAT TO LOOK FOR

There are a lot of locks out there.

Your goal is to remove opportunity — not just lock up, but make your bike completely undesirable. The more time it takes a thief, the less likely they try.

If a lock manufacturer won't stand behind their product and replace your bike if it's defeated while used correctly — keep looking. A quality lock is an investment that pays for itself.

🔧 Our Recommended Lock:

Kryptonite KryptoLok STD with 4' Flex Cable

- Security rating: 6 out of 10 (engineer-rated)
- 12.7mm hardened steel shackle
- Includes 4' cable to secure front wheel
- Free lifetime key registration

★ Anti-Theft Protection Offer: Up to \$1,750

Register your lock. Follow Kryptonite's proper lock-up guidelines. If the lock is defeated while used correctly, Kryptonite reimburses up to \$1,750 toward bicycle replacement.

📄 Record your serial number and register it with local police — it's free and your best chance at recovery if stolen.

Free national bike registry: bikeindex.org

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