TARGET ZERO

In January 2025, the Target Zero Commission Law (P.L.2024, c.109) established the New Jersey Target Zero Commission (TZC) and set a goal to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries on New Jersey roads.

The TZC developed the New Jersey Target Zero Action Plan with a collaborative group comprising Commission members, policymakers, engineers, planners, advocates, law enforcement, academic institutions, local leaders, subject-matter experts, and members of the public.

The Action Plan, released in December 2025, outlines 72 actions to reach the Target Zero goal and specifies which organizations lead and/or support each action. Read the plan (dot.nj.gov/targetzero) to learn how you can contribute!

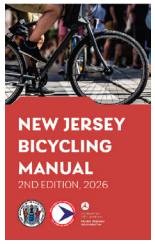
Achieving the Target Zero goal will take a coordinated and multifaceted effort, and your role in supporting this goal is an essential piece of a safe road system in New Jersey.



FOR MORE INFORMATION

NJDOT: Biking in NJ
dot.nj.gov/transportation/commuter/bike

NJ Bicycle & Pedestrian Resource Center
njbikeped.org



Read the **New Jersey Bicycling Manual, Second Edition**, to learn how to ride comfortably and confidently across settings and situations.

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BICYCLE LAWS AND LEGISLATION

A GUIDE FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

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E-BIKES AND MICROMOBILITY

Users of micromobility devices generally have the same rights and responsibilities as bicyclists, but are subject to some different laws based on the device. These devices are considered "personal conveyances", including both electric and manually-powered scooters, wheelchairs, skateboards, rollerskates, and more. Learn more at njbikeped.org/micromobility and njbikeped.org/e-bike-laws, and in the NJ MVC E-bike and Moped Manual (nj.gov/mvc/pdf/vehicles/EbikeManual.pdf).

In 2026, New Jersey passed P.L.2025, c.285, regulating owning and using an e-bike and defining new categories with different legal requirements:

Low-Speed Electric Bicycles

- Maximum 20 MPH, 750 Watts
- Requires a license and registration, but not insurance

Motorized Bicycles

- Maximum 28 MPH, 750 Watts/50cc
- Requires a license, registration, insurance, and a motorcycle helmet

Electric Motorized Bicycles

- Exceeds Motorized Bicycle speed/power limits, regulated as a motorcycle
- Not permitted on bicycle paths or in bicycle lanes

LAWS AND REGULATIONS

What is a Bicycle?

Any two-wheeled vehicle having a rear drive wheel which is solely human powered and having a seat height of 26 inches or greater when the seat is in the lowest adjustable position.

Rights and Duties

Bicyclists have the same rights and duties as motorists on the road.

Required Equipment

Bicycles must be equipped with brakes and an audible signal (such as a bell) at all times, and front and rear lights when riding at night.

Anyone under the age of 17 must wear a CPSC (Consumer Product Safety Commission) compliant helmet when riding a bicycle on the road.

Operating Requirements

Bicyclists may not:

- ride without their feet on the pedals, or without both hands on the handlebars;
- carry additional passengers unless the bicycle is designed to do so, or;
- hitch their bicycle to a motor vehicle.

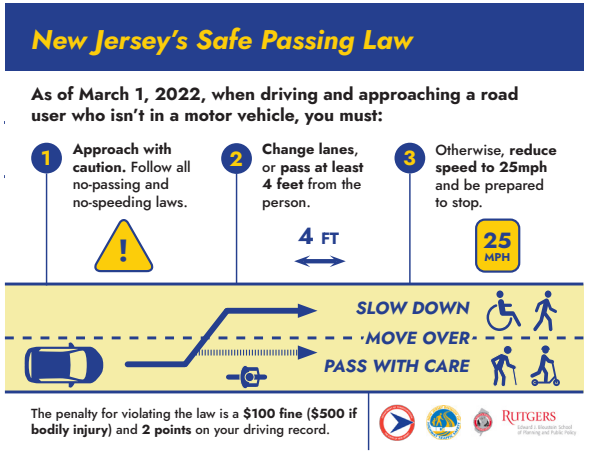
Bicyclists must:

- ride as close to the right as ***practicable,*** and;
- exercise due care when passing.

Bicyclists are permitted to move left to turn left, pass, and avoid road hazards, or if at the same speed as traffic, and bicyclists may ride two abreast so long as they do not impede traffic.

New Jersey's Safe Passing Law

On March 1, 2022, New Jersey's Safe Passing Law went into effect (N.J.S.A. 39:4-92.4). The law provides important rules for motorists when interacting with pedestrians, bicyclists, and other vulnerable road users not in a vehicle. The purpose is to ensure drivers exercise "due caution" whenever they are sharing the road with a non-motorist/VRU.



Credit: New Jersey Bicycle and Pedestrian Resource Center