

Riding an E-Bike Legally in China (2026) 电动自行车合规骑行速查卡

One-page quick reference for foreigners. Fines and deadlines vary by city; confirm with your local 交管部门. 在华外国人一页纸速查。罚款与期限各地不同，以当地交管部门最新规定为准。

1 · Vehicle type 车型判断（最先做）

E-bike 电动自行车 = non-motor vehicle 非机动车

- Top design speed 25 km/h; motor cuts out above it
- 最高设计时速 ≤25km/h，超速自动断电
- CCC mark + GB 17761-2024 + 合格证 must match the bike
- 认准 3C 标志与新国标 GB 17761-2024，核对合格证
- Non-motor plate 非机动车号牌, no driving licence
- 上非机动车号牌，无需驾照

E-motorcycle 电动摩托车 = motor vehicle 机动车

- Needs motorcycle licence F / E / D
- 需要摩托车驾照 F / E / D
- 交强险 insurance + motor-vehicle plate + annual inspection
- 交强险 + 机动车号牌 + 定期年检
- No licence riding: 200 RMB, up to 15 days detention, bike held
- 无证驾驶：罚款 200 元，可并处 15 日以下拘留、扣车

2 · Registration 上牌

- Deadline: 15 days (Shanghai) to 30 days (many provinces) from purchase; a new bike may ride on the purchase invoice within that window
- 期限：上海 15 日、多数省份 30 日；窗口期内新车可凭购车发票临时上路
- Bring: passport + residence documents 护照及居留证件 · purchase invoice 购车发票 · vehicle certificate 合格证
- 带齐：护照及居留证件、购车发票、合格证（材料各地略有差异）
- Registration is free. Never buy a second-hand bike "without a plate" - it cannot be registered | 登记免费。别买“不用上牌”的二手无牌车，无法登记

3 · Riding rules & fines 骑行规矩与罚款速查

Do / Don't 该做 / 不该做	Rule 规定	Typical fine 典型罚款
Don't 不	Ride without a helmet (rider AND passenger, strap fastened) 骑乘人员均须佩戴头盔并系好扣	Warning or 20-50 RMB; a real Shanghai case fined 30 RMB 警告或 20-50 元（上海实罚 30 元）
Don't 不	Hold a phone or browse while riding 骑行中手持手机或浏览电子设备	Warning or 20-50 RMB 警告或 20-50 元
Don't 不	Ride unregistered 无牌上路	Warning or 50 RMB (Hubei); 50-200 RMB (Shanghai) 警告或 50 元（湖北）；50-200 元（上海）
Don't 不	Wrong-way, red lights, motor lanes, elevated roads / tunnels 逆行、闯红灯、驶入机动车道与高架隧道	Per local regulations 按当地规定处罚
Do 做	Rider 16+; adult carries one child under 12 (child seat under 6) 年满 16 周岁；成年人限载一名 12 岁以下未成年人	-
Do 做	Lights on at night and in rain / fog 夜间或雨雾天开灯	-

4 · Parking & charging red lines 停放充电红线（罚最重）

- Battery in the elevator: banned | 禁止带电池或电动车进电梯
- Charging or parking in lobbies, hallways, stairwells, exits: banned | 禁止在门厅、楼道、楼梯间、疏散通道停放或充电
- Running a cord from your flat (飞线充电): banned | 禁止私拉电线充电
- Use the compound's centralized charging shed | 使用小区集中充电桩是标准答案
- Refusing to correct in a high-rise: 500-1,000 RMB (individuals), 2,000-10,000 RMB (businesses); causing a fire: 10-15 days detention | 拒不改正：个人 500-1000 元、单位 2000-10000 元；引发火灾可拘留 10-15 日

5 · Stopped by police? 被交警拦下怎么办

- Stay calm, show passport and plate | 出示护照和号牌，保持冷静
- Pay on the spot with an official receipt, or via 交管12123 app / Alipay | 现场缴纳并索取票据，或通过交管12123 / 支付宝处理
- Keep the receipt for insurance | 保留票据，保险理赔可能用到
- Useful phrases: 我要上牌 · 这辆车有3C认证吗? · 这顶头盔符合GB 811吗?

Sources 来源: GB 17761-2024 via 郑州市政府 · 《吉林省电动自行车管理暂行办法》与《西藏自治区电动自行车管理办法》(中国政府网) · 《上海市非机动车安全管理条例》(2024 修正) 及金山区行政复议决定书 · 黑龙江省消防救援局通告 (2026) · 新源县公安局公告 (2026) · 鄂州市政府 (湖北省实施《道路交通安全法》办法第 66 条)。General guidance only, not legal advice. This card reflects published rules as of September 2026; rules differ by city and change often - confirm with your local 交管部门. 本文仅为一般性指导，不构成法律建议；以当地交管部门最新规定为准。Pantry Letters · pantryletters.com