

# Use of Bicycles and Personal Transportation Devices

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## Scope: Who is Covered by this Policy?

All Instructional Staff, Staff, Students and Visitors

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## Policy

Miami University is committed to creating a sustainable and safe campus. As part of these efforts, Miami University regulates the use of personal transportation devices on University property.

## Types of Personal Transportation Devices

### Permissible Personal Transportation Devices

Permissible personal transportation devices include the following:

- Bicycles, unicycles, tricycles, and similar vehicles regardless of the number of wheels
- Class 1 or 2 electric bicycles
- Skates, including in-line skates, rollerblades, and roller skates
- Skateboards or other wheeled boards of any size or type including non-motorized scooters

### Prohibited Personal Transportation Devices:

Prohibited personal transportation devices include the following:

- Segways
- Motorized scooters

- Golf carts and ATVs
- Bicycles with helper motors (mopeds)
- Any other motorized personal transportation device

## Restrictions

Prohibited personal transportation devices including golf carts, Segways, electronic skateboards and self-balancing skateboards (commonly referred to as hover-boards) may not be used on University property.

University owned and operated small motorized transportation devices (e.g. golf carts and ATVs) may only be used in the course of conducting official University business.

Personal transportation Devices may not be used inside of any University buildings and facilities-including academic buildings and residence halls.

**This policy does not prohibit the use of motorized wheelchairs, Segways, or small motorized personal transportation devices if being used to accommodate a person with a disability or a baby stroller when being used for the purpose of transporting a child.**

## Electronic Scooters (e-scooters)

- E-scooters may only be ridden in campus bike lanes E-scooter riders must obey all traffic rules, traffic lights and signs.
- Riders are expected to follow all e-scooter safety rules (e.g. do not wear a backpack or carry anything) while riding an e-scooter. Riders must follow all of Safety rules below. Riders may not wear headphones while riding an e-scooter in campus bike lanes.
- E- scooters may not be ridden on any sidewalk on University property at any time with the exception of the bike lane incorporated into the sidewalk along Patterson Avenue.
- E-scooters are banned from all University parking lots and garages. They may not be ridden or parked in University parking lots or garages.
- E-scooters must be parked at bicycle racks if on campus property. E-scooters may not be parked on sidewalks, block pedestrian pathways, building entrances or impede the work of the University (e.g., mowing or snow removal.)
- E-scooters are not permitted in residence halls or other University buildings. E-scooters may not be charged in residence halls or on other University property.

- E-scooters found in residence halls or left on University property over-night may be impounded by University Police—a ~~\$25~~\$100 impound fee will be assessed. An additional \$5 fee will be assessed on a daily basis until the device is released.
- University employees may not ride e-scooters on University property, while on University business and will not be reimbursed for any e-scooter use.

## Individual Responsibility

Individuals will be held personally responsible for any damage caused to University property as a result of the operation of a personal transportation device on University property. Individuals assume the risk of personal injury and death and will be held responsible for any injuries to themselves or others as a result of any violation of this Policy or the improper operation of any personal transportation device on University property.

## Safety Rules

1. In areas where designated bicycle paths are provided, bicycles and e-scooters may only be ridden in such designated bicycle paths and not on adjacent sidewalks.
2. Pedestrians have the right of way at all times.
3. Users of personal transportation devices must comply with all applicable laws, including official traffic control devices and signs. Users must dismount and walk when crossing streets and roads and in any pedestrian accessible area.
4. Users are strongly encouraged to wear helmets and eye protection and ensure that their devices have appropriate rear and side reflective devices. Headlights and headlamps should be used between sunset and sunrise.
5. The use of earphones while using a personal transportation device is prohibited.

## Parking

1. Small motorized personal transportation devices may not be parked inside campus buildings except or residence hall rooms. Bicycles should be parked in bicycle racks or residence hall bike storage rooms.
2. Bicycles should be parked in bicycle racks. Chaining or securing a bicycle to any object or structure other than a bicycle rack is prohibited.
3. Personal transportation devices may not be parked in such a manner as to hinder the safe flow of pedestrian or vehicular traffic, block access to fire hydrants or emergency phones, in bus stops, driveways, parking zones or

parking lots. Personal transportation devices parked in violation of this section may be removed by the University and/or immobilized. An impound fee of \$25 will be assessed and a \$5 daily fee will accrue until the personal transportation device is retrieved. Miami University is not responsible for damage to personal transportation devices or locks incurred during removal.

4. All personal transportation devices must be removed from campus at the end of spring semester. Personal transportation devices left on University property for more than 5 days following spring graduation will be considered abandoned property. These devices will be impounded and disposed of.

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## Related Form(s)

Not applicable.

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## Additional Resources and Procedures

Not applicable.

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## FAQ

Not applicable.

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## Policy Administration

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## Responsible Officers

Sr. Vice President of Finance and Business Services

## Legal Authority

Not Applicable.

## Compliance Policy

No

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## Reviewing Bodies

Administrative