

Policy on Prohibited Personal Transportation Devices in University Buildings

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Purpose

To ensure the safety and well-being of all residents, staff, and visitors by prohibiting the use and storage of personal transportation devices, such as electric scooters, inside university buildings.

Scope

This policy applies to all students, faculty, staff, and visitors on university property.

Policy Statement

1. Prohibited Devices Indoors

- The following personal transportation devices are not permitted inside any university buildings, including residence halls, academic buildings, administrative offices, common areas, the quad and parking lots:
 - Electric scooters
 - Hoverboards
 - Electric skateboards
 - Self-balancing scooters (e.g., Segway's)
 - Electric/non-electric bicycles (permitted in parking lots if used as a mode of transportation)
 - Motorized unicycles
 - Any other similar devices powered by electric/non-electric or combustible engines

2. Storage and Charging

- These devices may not be stored or charged inside university buildings. This includes hallways, rooms, lounges, stairwells, and any other indoor spaces.
- Designated outdoor areas will be provided for parking and securing personal transportation devices.

3. Safety Concerns

- The prohibition is enacted to prevent potential fire hazards, trip hazards, and to ensure unimpeded access to emergency exits.
- The presence of these devices indoors poses a risk of accidents and injuries to residents and staff, as well as potential damage to property.

4. Compliance and Enforcement

- Residents, staff, and visitors found violating this policy may be subject to disciplinary action, including fines, loss of housing privileges, or other sanctions as determined by the university's disciplinary procedures.
- Staff are authorized to remove any prohibited devices found inside buildings and relocate them to a designated outdoor area.

5. Exceptions

- Exceptions to this policy may be granted for individuals with disabilities who require the use of a personal transportation device for mobility. Such requests must be submitted to Student Accessibility Services for review and approval.