# Personal Wheeled Vehicle Transportation Policy

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<td>The Division of Facilities, Infrastructure and Risk Management. Questions on Policy content should be directed to Parking &amp; Transportation Services, 412-268-2052.</td>
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<td>This Policy appears in the current issue of the Faculty/Staff and Student Handbook. The most recent revision was approved by the President's Council on July 17, 1996. An additional minor revision was added by Faculty Senate on September 11, 1996.</td>
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<td>ENTITIES AFFECTED BY THIS POLICY:</td>
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<td>All students, faculty and staff</td>
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| DEFINITIONS: | Personal Wheeled Vehicles: Refers to vehicles used for personal transportation, human-powered or powered by an electric or other non-gasoline motor. Bicycles are the prime example. Personal wheeled vehicles also include skateboards, in-line skates, scooters, electric bicycles, Segways, and other vehicles. For the purposes of this Policy, this definition does not include any vehicles which require a Pennsylvania driver’s license to operate, such as gasoline-powered scooters and two-wheeled, seated vehicles which fall outside the PennDOT definition of a “pedalcycle”.

Shared Paths: Paved pathways on campus that are appropriate for use by both pedestrians and operators of personal wheeled vehicles, but not by licensed motor vehicles. |
| FORMS/INSTRUCTIONS: | |
| RELATED INFORMATION: | [Campus Bike Rack Locations](#) |
| REASON FOR POLICY/PURPOSE: | The purpose of this policy is to provide a safe and convenient environment for the use of all personal wheeled vehicles while at the same time providing for the safety of all members of the campus community. This policy is intended to broadly cover the entire class of personal wheeled vehicles regardless of power source (electric, manual, etc.).

These regulations do not apply to transportation for persons with disabilities (e.g., wheelchairs), nor to “official”, non-licensed vehicles on campus (e.g., vehicles used for facilities, dining, university police, |
ABSTRACT:
Contains university regulations regarding the use of personal wheeled vehicles used for transportation on the Carnegie Mellon University Pittsburgh campus.

OPERATION
- In any circumstances, anyone using a wheeled vehicle of any type must yield the right of way to pedestrians.
  - Walk or carry your vehicle when campus traffic is congested.
  - Pass with caution on the left and alert the people around you before doing so.
- Operators are required to operate at speeds that are prudent and reasonable under existing conditions. Speed limit of five (5) miles per hour shall be observed while on shared paths with pedestrian traffic.
- No person is allowed to operate any wheeled vehicle:
  - Inside any building;
  - On any pedestrian building access ramp;
  - On, across or through landscaped or grass areas.
- Operators traveling in a manner that is deemed unsafe by a University Police Officer may be issued the appropriate citation.
- Any type of wheeled vehicle that requires a driver’s license is prohibited from operation on shared-use paths on campus. These vehicles are only authorized for use on public streets and are subject to the regulations of the City of Pittsburgh and of the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code.

REGISTRATION
The University Police Department offers a bicycle registration database. Owner information will be kept by University Police. This information can greatly help in retrieving stolen bicycles. Also, it will allow University Police to notify the owner if their bicycle is subject to removal and give them the opportunity to move it prior to impounding.

There is no fee for registering a bicycle with University Police. Bikes can be registered by the owner through the University Police Crime Prevention Unit:
https://www.cmu.edu/police/Programs%20and%20Services/bicycle-registration.html

PARKING
A personal wheeled vehicle is parked/stored on campus at the risk of its owner. For operators' convenience, bicycle racks are provided at various campus locations. These racks are appropriate for bicycles and other two-wheeled vehicles. A list of campus bicycle rack locations can be found at the Parking & Transportation website and at the Environment at CMU webpage:
https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?mid=1T1rbmLms1YYz77X9xuPJJsVAU1Zs&ll=40.44384126389309&z=18.

In order to maintain campus accessibility for all users, no wheeled vehicle shall be parked, stored, or left standing in such a manner as to:
  - Block entrance to or exit from any building or structure on campus;
  - Block outdoor walkways or stairs;
  - Impede the movement of persons with disabilities;
  - Inhibit the full use of campus infrastructure, such as benches, handrails, ramps, railings, and other such furniture;
- Damage or potentially damage trees, artworks or landscaping;
- Impact any other location in a way that violates federal, state or local fire and safety regulations.

Personal wheeled vehicles left in such areas will be removed immediately and impounded.

Finally, the use of any indoor area for wheeled vehicle parking is restricted when, in the best judgment of the person(s) responsible for that area, storage therein interferes with the routine activities normally conducted in that area. When accessing an indoor parking area (i.e. designated indoor parking rooms, personal offices, etc.), vehicle owners should use the most direct path to avoid impedance of indoor pedestrian traffic.

REMOVAL AND IMPOUNDMENT OF PERSONAL WHEELED VEHICLES
Any University Police Officer or official authorized by the university may remove and impound any wheeled vehicle which:
- Is parked in violation of any of the sections of this policy;
- Appears to have been abandoned as evidenced by signs of disuse or neglect.

Bicycles or other wheeled vehicles impounded may be recovered only upon proof of ownership and after required fees are paid. Owners are responsible for all costs involved in removal and storage of impounded items.

Unclaimed wheeled vehicles shall be held for a minimum of six months by Parking & Transportation Services, at which time the owner shall be presumed to have relinquished legal title. Such bicycles shall be disposed of through proper legal procedure.

University Police, Facilities Management & Campus Services, Parking & Transportation Services, or other university departments are not responsible for any alleged damage or loss of accessories or equipment of an impounded vehicle.