

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

Motorized Scooter and Moped

REGULATIONS

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MOTORIZED SCOOTERS and MOPEDS

The Maryland State Law classifies motorized scooters and mopeds as vehicles; therefore, motorized scooters and mopeds are bound by all vehicle laws. All traffic laws apply to mopeds and scooters, speed limits, lane use, turn signals, etc.

Prohibited Areas

No person on UMD campus shall ride a motorized cycle:

- a) On sidewalks.
- b) Within any building.
- c) On any ramp established for the use of persons with disabilities.
- d) On any stairs.
- e) On any object or surface not designated or intended for use by wheeled devices.

Registration of Motorized Cycles

All motorized cycles used, stored, or parked on the University shall be registered with a valid bicycle permit. Every motorized cycle must display a valid University-issued sticker including a unique registration number.

Please see the section on *Bicycle Registration* for details.

Proof of ownership may be required to register a motorized cycle.

Impounding of Unregistered Motorized Cycles

The Department of Public Safety (Police) and DOTS are authorized to impound unregistered motorized cycles and remove them to an area designated for storage. Motorized cycles that are impounded may be recovered only upon proof of ownership and after required fees are paid. No motorized cycle shall be released unless it is registered. Unclaimed motorized cycles, which have been impounded because they were unregistered or impounded for violation of parking regulations set forth in this regulations, shall be held for a minimum of 30 days, at which time the owners shall be presumed to have relinquished their legal title. Such motorized cycles shall be sold at public auction without reserve. The same disposition shall be applied to motorized cycles which remain unclaimed after storage with the Department of Public Safety or DOTS and to stolen motorized cycles which have been recovered by the Police Department if said motorized cycles remain unclaimed for a period of 30 days. Notices will be sent as soon as possible to the owners of all impounded motorized cycles.

Displaying of Motorized Cycle Permits

Motorized cycle permits shall be visibly displayed on the handlebar stem.

Motorized Cycle Parking

Motorized cycles shall be parked, stored or left on the University only in areas specifically designated as motorcycle parking.

No motorized cycle shall be parked, stored or left in an area where signs are posted indicating that motorized cycle parking is prohibited.

Blocking Entrances/Exits Prohibited

No person shall park, store or leave a motorized cycle in such a manner as to block or otherwise impede normal entrance to or exit from any building on the University.

No motorized cycle shall be parked, stored or left on any building access or egress.

Blocking Traffic

No motorized cycle shall be parked, stored or left so as to block or impede the normal flow of traffic on any highway, roadway, street, alley, sidewalk, mall, patio, or parking area or bicycle path on the University.

Blocking Ramps and Stairways Prohibited

No motorized cycle shall be parked, stored, or left so as to interfere with or impede the normal movement of disabled persons, pedestrians or bicyclists upon ramps, stairways or curb cuts.

Parking Prohibited on Landscaped Areas

No motorized cycle shall be parked, stored or left on any landscaped area.

Locking to Unauthorized Objects

No motorized cycle shall be chained or otherwise locked, or attached to any handrail, tree, bush, door, signpost, lamp, telephone pole, lamppost, fence, or other object not maintained or designated for the purpose of securing motorized cycles.

Removal of Motorized Cycles in Violation

Whenever any motorized cycle is found in violation of this Section, the University personnel authorized to impound motorized cycles may remove the securing mechanism using whatever reasonable measures are necessary to impound the motorized cycle. The University shall not be liable to the owner of the securing device or the owner of the motorized cycle for the cost of repair or replacement of such securing device.

Locks or locking devices left on parking racks not securing a motorized cycle, or left attached to any tree, door, signpost, lamppost, fence or other object not designated for the purpose of securing motorized cycles may be removed by authorized University personnel. University shall not be liable to the owner of the securing device for the cost of repair or replacement of such securing device.

Parking or Storing Inside Buildings Prohibited.

No motorized cycle shall be parked, stored or left in any lobby, hallway or room of any building.

Impounding of Motorized Cycles

The UMD Department of Public Safety (Police) and DOTS are authorized to move, relocate, immobilize or impound any motorized cycle which:

- a) Blocks or otherwise impedes the normal movement of persons with disabilities and other pedestrians, and equipment upon entrance to or exit from any building on the University;
- b) Blocks or otherwise impedes traffic on any street, highway, roadway, path, sidewalk, mall or patio;
- c) Is parked in violation of any of the sections of these regulations;
- d) Appears to be abandoned as evidenced by signs of disuse or neglect;
- e) Has been reported as stolen to any law enforcement agency.

Motorized Cycle Impound Fee

Any motorized cycle impounded pursuant to any section of these regulations shall be stored in a secure facility designated for such purpose. The prevailing impoundment fee shall be charged to the owner prior to the release of any impounded motorized cycle. Any motorized cycle being released must be properly registered prior to the release, unless the owner is not a UMD affiliate and the motorized cycle will not be operated on campus.

Unauthorized Storage for Extended Periods is Prohibited

No motorized cycle shall be parked, stored, or left at any approved motorized cycle parking area between the end of spring semester and the beginning of fall semester, unless the owner is on campus and still riding the vehicle. Storage for extended periods of time can be purchased through the DOTS office.

Temporary "No Parking" Signs

DOTS is authorized to place temporary "No Parking" signs on the University when necessary. No motorized cycle shall be parked or left in violation of such temporary restrictions.