

SOUTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY

GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY

TITLE: Electric Personal Mobility Device Operation

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DISTRIBUTION: Southeastern University employees, students, and visitors who will operate electric personal mobility devices on campus.

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POLICY

The operation of electric scooters, hoverboards, electric skateboards, and electric bicycles on campus will be restricted to ensure the safety of pedestrians and device operators.

Motorized vehicles of any kind, other than university-owned golf carts and utility vehicles, shall not be operated on El Prado or other pedestrian walkways at the center of campus.

PURPOSE

To ensure the safety of university students, employees, visitors, and property.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all university students, faculty, staff, and authorized visitors who operate an electric scooter, hoverboard, electric skateboard, or electric bicycle on university property.

DEFINITIONS

An electric personal mobility device, for the purpose of this policy, includes electric scooters, hoverboards, electric skateboards, and electric bicycles. This definition does not include motorized wheelchairs or other motorized devices used by a person with a mobility impairment.

An electric scooter is a personal device with no more than three wheels that has handlebars, is designed to be stood upon by the operator, and is powered by an electric motor that can propel the device with or without human propulsion.

A hoverboard, also known as a self-balancing personal transporter, consists of two motorized wheels connected to a pair of articulated pads on which the rider places their feet. The rider controls the speed by leaning forward or backward, and direction of travel by twisting the pads.

An electric skateboard is a personal transportation device based on a skateboard. The speed is usually controlled by a wireless hand-held throttle remote, or rider body weight-shifting between front of the board for forward motion and rear for braking.

An electric bicycle is a bicycle equipped with an electric motor that may be activated to assist with or replace pedaling.

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FORMS AND APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

Registration Form for Bicycles, Scooters, and Electric Personal Vehicles (Bicycles, Skateboards, Hoverboards, and Scooters)

PROCEDURES

Operation of Electric Personal Mobility Devices

Electric personal mobility devices shall not be operated on El Prado or any other interior pedestrian walkway between 7:00 am and 10:00 pm. Electric personal mobility devices may be operated on sidewalks along Longfellow Boulevard, in parking lots, and on interior campus roadways. Electric personal mobility devices are not authorized for use on public roadways. It is strongly recommended that a helmet be worn while operating an electric personal mobility device.

Electric personal mobility devices shall never be operated inside any campus building.

When electric personal mobility devices are being operated in an authorized area on campus, they must be operated in a safe and prudent manner. Electric mobility devices must yield to pedestrians, obey traffic control devices, and slow down before crossing roadways and/or crosswalks, at or near doorway entry points and on or near steps or ADA walkways.

Electric mobility devices may only carry the device operator and cannot be used to transport passengers.

When you are not riding your bicycle, skateboard, scooter, or electric personal vehicle, please secure it to a bicycle rack outside of the closest building.

Bicycles and electronic bicycles are not allowed in any campus buildings, including residence halls. However, skateboards, scooters and electric skateboards or scooters may be stored inside your room if you have a campus residence.

Please make sure that bicycles, scooters, skateboards and electric personal vehicles are not blocking any doorway, stairwell or exit, and they must not be left in lobbies, walkways, or hallways.

We highly recommend wearing a helmet when operating any of these types of vehicles to reduce the risk of serious injury, should an accident occur.

Storage of Electric Personal Mobility Devices

Electric personal mobility devices must be stored in the owner's dorm room or assigned office space when not in use. If a student uses their electric personal mobility device to travel to a building that is not their residence hall, the device must be stored outside of that building in a bicycle rack or in a manner that will not impede entry or egress of the building.

Electric personal mobility devices shall not be stored in lobbies, classrooms, or other interior areas of any campus building.

Crashes Involving Electric Personal Mobility Devices

The operator of any electric personal mobility device must contact Security to report any crash that results in personal injury or damage to property.

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Registration of Electric Personal Mobility Devices

Electric personal mobility devices must be registered using the Registration Form for Bicycles, Scooters, and Electric Personal Vehicles (Bicycles, Skateboards, Hoverboards, and Scooters). There is no cost for registration.

SANCTIONS

- University staff shall stop and identify any device operator in violation of these procedures. Offenders shall be referred to Community Standards and Responsibilities or Human Resources for disciplinary proceedings. Repeat offenses may result in warnings, fines, and progressive discipline, up to and including expulsion or termination.
- Devices that are stored improperly may be collected by university staff and stored with Safety and Security until the owner may be identified for disciplinary purposes. Repeat offenders may be barred from possessing an electric personal mobility device on campus. The owner of a device may call Safety and Security at 863-667-5190 to determine if their device was collected.



Electric scooters, hoverboards, electric skateboards, and electric bicycles shall not be operated on El Prado or any other interior pedestrian walkway between 7:00 AM and 10:00 PM (highlighted in red on the map above). These devices may be used on public sidewalks along Longfellow Boulevard, interior campus roadways, and in campus parking lots.