

University of Delaware
Environmental Health and Safety Protocol

Section: General Health & Safety

Protocol Name: Skateboard, Hoverboard, Segway, Rollerskate/blade, Scooter and Bicycle Use.

Origination Date: October 23, 2000

Revisions: January 18, 2013, January 27, 2016, February 22, 2019

Protocol Number: G-09

I. SCOPE OF PROTOCOL

This policy addresses the use of Skateboards, Hoverboards, Segways, Rollerskates/Blades, Scooters and Bicycles and applies to all members of the University Community including, but not limited to: faculty, students, staff and visitors.

II. DEFINITIONS

A. Segway

1. Trademark name of a two-wheeled motorized personal vehicle consisting of a platform for the feet mounted above an axle and an upright post surmounted by handles.

B. Hoverboard

1. A two wheel motorized board consisting of a platform for feet, battery operated motor and steered by varying weight distribution.

III. PROTOCOL STATEMENT

This policy is established to address the safety concerns of the University Community posed by the hazardous use of skateboards, hoverboards, Segways, rollerskates/blades, non-motorized and motorized scooters, bicycles, etc. to minimize damage to University property and persons from the use of these devices

IV. PROTOCOL STANDARDS AND PROCEDURES

A. Electronic skateboards including hoverboards and other similar types of equipment (e.g. Segways) are banned for use, storage, and charging on campus.

B. Roller-skating/blading, skateboarding, scooter riding are prohibited in University buildings.

C. Roller-skating/blading, skateboarding, scooter and bicycle riding as a means of transportation are only permitted on walkways and ramps when the operator does not create a hazard to themselves or others. Performing jumps or other stunts is strictly prohibited on the campus.

D. Rollerskating/blading/skateboarding/hoverboarding by visitors is prohibited.

E. No motor vehicles, including motorcycles, motor-driven cycles, and Segways, other than expressly authorized vehicles, as provided by this policy, shall be operated on any sidewalk, pedestrian corridor, or bicycle path on the University. In such circumstances, where motor or battery powered vehicles are operated on sidewalks, pedestrian corridors or bicycle paths, they shall yield the right of way to pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

- F. Wheelchairs, motorized wheelchairs, electric carts or similar devices operated by persons with physical disabilities are permitted on sidewalks, pedestrian corridors, bicycle paths or elsewhere as needed to provide accessibility and reasonable accommodation.
- G. Those persons causing damage to persons or property while engaged in the use of these devices will be held financially responsible and may be subject to discipline or other charges under standard University or external procedures.
- H. Requests for exceptions to this policy for programmed events must be made in writing to the Director of Environmental Health and Safety for review. Exceptions will be issued in writing.

For more information regarding this policy, contact the Environmental Health and Safety Office (302-831-8475).