

Crime Prevention News

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Bicycling, Skateboarding, and Rollerblading on Campus.



The picture above shows improper use of a skateboard while on campus. Bicycling, rollerblading, and skateboarding can all be effective ways of getting from one place to another while getting good exercise. But keep in mind The University of Iowa has specific rules and regulations in place to ensure everyone's safety.

THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA

SKATEBOARDS, IN-LINE SKATES, AND

ROLLER-SKATES RULES

General Limits No person shall roller-skate, in-line skate or ride a skateboard in any University buildings, including parking ramps, nor shall any person roller-skate, in-line skate or ride a skateboard elsewhere on University Property in areas where signs prohibiting such activities are posted. **Careless Riding Prohibited** No person shall roller-skate, in-line skate or ride a skateboard in a manner which presents an unreasonable risk of harm to themselves or others. Nor shall any person in-line skate, roller-skate, or skateboard by weaving in and out through traffic or pedestrians, or by stunting, or at such a speed that he/she shall not be able to bring themselves to a stop within a clear distance ahead or otherwise without regard for his/her safety or the safety of others. No person shall roller-skate, in-line skate or ride a skateboard in a manner which presents a risk of damage to University property. Persons in-line skating, roller-skating, or skateboarding on the University campus shall not engage in acrobatics, or leave the sidewalk or other paved surface to jump on benches, pedestals, stairs, or other permanent or temporary structures or objects. **Pedestrians Have the Right of Way** Persons in-line skating, roller-skating, or skateboarding on University sidewalks shall yield the right-of-way to pedestrians using the sidewalk and use due proper care at all times for the safety of pedestrians. **Roadways** No person shall roller-skate, in-line skate or ride a skateboard upon any roadway on the University campus except when crossing a street on a crosswalk. When so crossing, such persons shall be granted all the rights and be subject to all duties applicable to pedestrians. **Clinging to Vehicles Prohibited** No person traveling upon in-line skates, roller-skates, or a skateboard shall cling or attach themselves to any other moving vehicle upon any roadway or bikeway. (continued on page 2)



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Bicycle Regulations

1. Registration (*1)

A voluntary **free** registration program is offered to all students, faculty, staff, and the general public. Registration offers the following advantages:

- 1) Reduces/eliminates the need to immobilize/impound illegally parked bicycles;
- 2) Serves as a deterrent to theft;
- 3) Assists in the identification of lost or stolen bicycles;
- 4) Allows the University to better plan for improved bicycle parking and operation on campus.

(a) You can register your bike with the University or, if you are a citizen of Iowa City, you can register with the Police Department in the Civic Center, 410 E. Washington St. University registration may be completed in person or by mail or complete an online [registration form](#).

Required information:

- Owner's name, address and social security number
- Bicycle description - Make, Model, Color
- Manufacturer's identification number (serial number)

(b) Registration is complete when the registration decal is permanently and visibly affixed to the bicycle's down or seat tube.

(c) Valid and current Iowa City and Coralville registration decals will be accepted in lieu of a University registration if the decals are affixed and visible on the bicycle.

(d) Change in bicycle ownership must be reported to the Parking & Transportation office in order to update the registration records.

2. Operating Regulations

Bicyclists are to operate their bicycles in a responsible and courteous manner, and observe the operating regulations. The University Department of Public Safety enforces these regulations through the issuance of

citations and fines. For more information, call (319) 335-5022.

2.1 Operating on Public Streets

When operating on public streets, bicycles are considered vehicles by the Iowa Code and should be operated in accordance with all traffic laws. For more information, contact the University of Iowa Public Safety office, or the Iowa City and Coralville Police departments.

2.2 Operating in Pedestrian Areas/ Slow Zones

A pedestrian area is any walkway, sidewalk, crosswalk, plaza, patio, play court, parking facility, loading zone, or other University facility that is intended primarily or partially for use by pedestrians. When operating a bicycle in these areas:

(b) Reckless operation of a bicycle is not permitted.

(c) Bicyclists must always yield the right of way to pedestrians.

(d) When passing pedestrians in either direction, cyclists must maintain a minimum of 6 feet (about one bicycle length) of separation without leaving the walkway. If unable to maintain the minimum separation when passing, the cyclist must operate at a speed just above the average walking pace (about one bicycle length per second) while passing.

The Department of Public Safety requests that you follow the rules and regulations as listed in this newsletter. It will help make the University of Iowa a safer place for all faculty, staff, and students. (cont. on page 3)



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2.3 Prohibited Operating Areas

- (a) Bicycles may not be ridden on grass, planting beds or any other non-paved areas, except designated bicycle trails.
- (b) Bicycles may not be ridden in University buildings.
- (c) Bicycles may not be ridden on sidewalks, walkways or any other pedestrian areas posted as dismount zones.

2.4 Citations & Fines

Failure to maintain control, \$25.00 Reckless operation, \$25.00 Failure to yield to pedestrians, \$25.00 Improper passing, \$25.00 Operating a bicycle in a prohibited area, \$25.00

3. Parking Regulations

Bicyclists should always use bicycle racks to protect property, pedestrians and access to University facilities.

3.1 Violations

- (a) Bicycles must not be:

Parked or stored inside University buildings. Attached to or rested against trees or shrubs. Attached to or rested against signs, handrails, or handicap parking meters. Attached to or rested against street furniture. Parked in a manner which limits access to, or use of any University facility or safety device. Parked in specifically prohibited parking areas .

(b) Properly registered bicycles found in violation of these regulations will only be cited. However, if the violation creates a safety hazard, damages property, or prevents use of or access to any University facility, the bicycle may also be impounded.

(c) Unregistered bicycles or bicycles not displaying proper registration decals found in violation of these regulations will be cited and either immobilized or impounded.

- (d) Bicycles may not be abandoned on campus.

Unregistered bicycles left undisturbed in racks or other legal parking areas for seven days or more may be treated as abandoned and impounded. Bicycles may be posted with an impound notice for seven days prior to removal. Registered bicycles left undisturbed in racks for one calendar month may be treated as abandoned. The Parking & Transportation department will attempt to notify the owners prior to impounding.

3.2 Fines & Fees

(a) Fines and fees may be assessed against the owner, operator, or registrant of the bicycle involved in each violation and shall be billed through the University Business Office.

(b) The registrant of the bicycle shall be responsible for all violations issued to the bicycle and is thus subject to any and all fines and fees resulting from these violations.

- (c) Violations of parking regulations may also be enforced by immobilizing and/or impoundment of a bicycle.

- (d) Schedule of Fines & Fees

First five parking violations, \$5.00 Sixth and all subsequent violations, \$10.00 - Violations are cumulative for the year beginning on September 1 and continuing through August 31. Immobilization fee, \$10.00 Impoundment fee, \$25.00 - Additional storage costs \$1.00/day after the first day of impoundment. Cutting, removing, or damaging a University locking device, \$50.00

3.3 Immobilization/Impoundment

(a) Bicycles accumulating ten or more violations for the year, September 1 to August 31, are subject to impoundment for each additional violation. Accumulation of violations starts over every September 1st. b) Bicycles that create a safety hazard, damage property or limit use of or access to any University facility are subject to impoundment.

- (c) Immobilized bicycles not claimed after two working days are subject to impoundment.

- (d) Abandoned bicycles are subject to impoundment.

(e) Bicycles may be claimed by proving ownership, registering the bicycle (if applicable), and paying the appropriate fines and immobilization/impoundment fees.

(f) All impounded bicycles will be held for 60 days, during which time the owners upon payment of all outstanding fines and charges may claim them. After 60 days, all unclaimed bicycles will be deemed abandoned property and sold pursuant to Iowa law and the proceeds applied to the costs of impoundment, storage, and sale. The balance, if any, shall be forwarded to the owner.

- (g) The University will not pay for locking devices damaged or destroyed during impoundment. (cont. on page 4)



3.4 Parking Violation Appeals

(a) Violations may be appealed by first paying the fines and fees, and filing a written appeal with the Parking & Transportation Office.

4. Definitions

(a) Bicycle: any wheeled vehicle that is not self-propelled and which is designed to be pedaled by the rider.

(b) Handrail: any railing intended to provide physical support to a pedestrian.

(c) Immobilization: restricting the bicycle's use by detaining it at the point of infraction with a University locking device.

(d) Impoundment: removing the owner's lock, transporting the bicycle to a University facility, and detaining it.

(e) Pedestrian Areas or Slow Zones: any walkway, sidewalk, crosswalk, plaza, patio, play court, parking facility, loading zone, or any other University facility that is intended primarily or partially for use by pedestrians.

(f) Street Furniture: any structure or accessory in a University pedestrian area or slow zone designed for the benefit of pedestrians. This includes, but is not limited to benches, tables, lamp posts, and trash receptacles.

Iowa City Regulations

Iowa City and the University of Iowa have similar regulations; however, there are a few differences. Below are some of the regulations for when you are on Iowa City property. For Iowa City's complete bicycle regulations, contact the Iowa City Police Department, 410 E. Washington St.

(a) Bicycles are prohibited from riding upon the downtown pedestrian mall or upon the sidewalk in the commercial district, including the central business district.

(b) You must have a headlight on your bicycle if you are riding between the hours of sunset and sunrise.

(c) If you are within 300 feet of a bicycle rack, you must park at that rack.

REMEMBER, FOR EVERYONE'S SAFETY:

Ride predictably.

Ride as the operator of a vehicle.

Wear a bicycle helmet.

Respect the pedestrian right-of-way.

Follow the traffic laws.

Share the road and walkways

University Parking Office Locations:

Iowa Memorial Union Parking Ramp

Iowa City, IA 52242

(319) 335-1475

8:00 am - 4:30 pm, Monday and Wednesday - Friday

8:00 am - 4:15 pm Tuesday

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