

POLICY

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Cancels:

See Also: [RCW 28B.35.120\(12\)](#)[Bellingham Municipal Code 11.52.010](#)

POL-U5620.06 USING SKATEBOARDS ON CAMPUS

This policy applies to all individuals riding, skating, storing, using or otherwise operating a skateboard on campus property.

See [WAC 516-15](#) for specific details on rules and regulations.

Definitions:

Skateboards – In this policy, the term, skateboards, is considered to include skates, skateboards, longboards, foot scooters, electric personal assistive mobility devices (EPAMD), and other similar devices.

The term, skateboards, does not include motorized skateboards or motorized foot scooters. These are considered to be motorcycles and are subject to all traffic rules and regulations controlling motorcycles.

The term, skateboards, does not include electric or manual wheel-chairs.

Pedestrian: Any person who is afoot or who is using a wheelchair, a powered wheelchair or a powered scooter for persons with disabilities..

1. Skateboards are Sustainable Forms of Transportation

The University recognizes the use of these or similar devices as sustainable, alternative forms of transportation. They are easily portable, require little if any storage space, and provide the user relatively fast, energy-efficient transportation and equitable access to and/or around campus.

2. Skateboard Users Must Yield the Right-of-Way to Pedestrians

Users of skateboards or similar devices must use caution when riding or skating on campus. Especially in high traffic pedestrian areas, riders must keep in mind that they must yield the right-of-way pedestrians and that the safety of WWU pedestrians is vital.

3. Mutual Respect Among All Transportation Modes is Essential

Respect and consideration for others on campus is a critical requirement for having different modes of transportation mix within a congested campus. The safety of pedestrians, cyclists, boarders and those using other devices depends on every person being careful and aware of their surroundings. Every

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person is strongly urged to watch out for the safety of others, especially those persons using modes that are more vulnerable to get to and around campus.

4. Skateboarders Comply with Regulations

Skateboarders must comply with regulations to ensure the safe operation, use and storage of these devices on campus.

It is the responsibility of users of these or similar devices to use them on campus for transportation only in compliance with [WAC 516-15](#); use them for transportation to and from campus in compliance with the city of [Bellingham Municipal Code 11.52.010](#); and use them in compliance to any other applicable rule or regulation.

Users must comply with University designated dismount zones, speed limits, use limitations and other safety precautions for these and similar devices as described in [WAC 516-15](#).

5. Police Enforce Skateboard Rules and Regulations

A user of these or similar devices who violates applicable rules and regulations may be issued a university Notice of Infraction (NOI) by University Police or a citation from another applicable law enforcement agency.

6. Exceptions May Occur on Campus

Requests for exceptions to this policy for programmed events involving the use of these or similar devices must be made in writing to the Viking Union Facilities Director for review and approval.

7. The University Promotes Safety Education

The University recognizes the importance of education for safe transportation in all modes on campus and for safe interactions between bicyclists, pedestrians, skateboarders and motor vehicle operators. The University supports this endeavor.

Educational programming is to include all individuals riding, skating, parking or otherwise operating a skateboard.

Departments on campus are strongly encouraged to provide educational opportunities for students in these aspects of transportation safety and sustainability.