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Riding, Parking, and Storing Bicycles at the University

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Reason for Policy

The University of Virginia, in support of its measures to maintain a safe and secure atmosphere for the community of students, faculty, staff, patients, and visitors to the University and Medical Center, is committed to establishing an environment that encourages the proper use, parking, and storing of bicycles on University Grounds and at the Medical Center.

Definition of Terms

Bicycle (Bike)

Description

A device propelled solely by human power, upon which a person may ride either on or astride a regular seat attached thereto, having two or more wheels in tandem. (As defined in Virginia Code § 46.2-100.)

University Facility

Description

Any defined space of the University, including but not limited to a room, lab, series of labs, building, or controlled outdoor area (which includes the Academical Village).

University Medical Center (Medical Center)

Description

The hospital and buildings that are University property in which health care, research, administrative support, and ancillary services are provided that are owned or leased by the University. (Also referred to as the Health System.)

University Grounds

Description

The areas where administrative functions, teaching, and research facilities, as well as athletic and recreational facilities of the University, that are used by members of the University community are located.

Policy Statement

The University recognizes bicycles as a viable and environmentally sound mode of transportation and encourages their use by members of the University community. At the same time, the University must maintain a safe environment for pedestrians approaching, entering, and utilizing buildings on University Grounds and in any Medical Center facilities.

Given that bicycles are a form of transportation, the Department of Parking and Transportation is responsible for the issuance and administration of University bicycle regulations governing appropriate use, parking, and storage of bicycles as part of its micromobility program.

Bicyclists must:

1. Ride in accordance with Virginia State laws.
2. Obey all traffic signs, signals, lights, and markings.
3. Where permitted, while on sidewalks and shared-use paths, yield the right of way to pedestrians and give an audible signal before passing a pedestrian.

Bicyclists must also abide by the following:

1. **Parking Bicycles:**
   When outdoors, bicycles must be parked (bringing to a halt and leaving it temporarily) at a bicycle rack. Bicycles parked at bicycle racks are expected to be maintained in good and working condition by the owner.

   Faculty and staff while at work and students while attending class may park a bicycle inside a University facility provided (1) the specific facility does not prohibit bicycles inside; and (2) the bicycle is not parked in an entranceway or an exit or exit passageway and interfering with a means of ingress or egress.

At the Medical Center, bicycles must be parked at bicycle racks outside of buildings. Bicycles are not permitted in any Medical Center facilities or in any School of Medicine facilities physically connected to the Medical Center.

Bicycles not properly parked, in a state of disrepair, or showing evidence of abandonment will be impounded by Parking and Transportation.

a. **Bike Racks on Buses:**
   All University Transit Service (UTS) full-size transit buses are outfitted with bike racks to help riders easily transition from bike to bus. Each rack is capable of holding three bicycles at a time. Bicycles are not permitted inside any UTS bus.

2. **Storing Bicycles:**
   Bicycles may be stored in student bedrooms as long as the means of egress is maintained. Bicycles may not be stored in common spaces in University residential housing, including but not limited to, hallways, stairwells, and lounges. Bicycles that are not properly stored will be impounded by the Department of Parking and Transportation.
3. **Impounded Bicycles:**
   Impounded bicycles are assessed an impound fee and are held by Parking and Transportation for 120 days. Bicycles not claimed within 120 days default to University property. Contact Parking and Transportation to check if your bike has been impounded (see Procedures below).
4. **Bicycle Registration:**
   The University Police Division offers online bicycle registration to students, faculty, and staff. Registration information may be used to assist in recovering a stolen or lost bicycle (see Procedures below).

5. **Compliance with Policy:**
   Failure to comply with the requirements of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination or expulsion in accordance with relevant University policies.

   Direct questions about this policy to Parking and Transportation Services.

Procedures

Impoundment
Bicycle Registration

Related Information

Micromobility
SEC-043: Riding, Parking, and Storing Motorized Scooters and Electric Power-Assisted Bicycles at the University
Share the Road VA - guide for device operators and drivers on proper road safety and responsibilities

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