Lock Haven University  
Department of Public Safety

Skateboard/Longboard, Scooter, Bicycle, Hover Board, and Roller Skate/Blade Regulations

A. Purpose

This policy defines the prohibitions and appropriate use or areas of activity where the titled activity can be performed.

B. Applicability and Scope

This policy is to be enforced on all property owned, leased, or under the control of the University. All visitors, faculty, staff and students are responsible for adhering to the requirements of this policy.

C. Definitions

Bicycle. Vehicles propelled partially or wholly by human powered pedals.

Hoverboards. Self-balancing motorized devices that resemble skateboards.

Longboards. A skateboard meant for speedboarding, transportation, slalom, carving, sliding, and racing of any other kind. Longboards are not necessarily longer than freestyle skateboards.

Multi-Purpose Facilities. Those spaces, both indoors and outdoors, used for various activities, classes, demonstrations, concert, movies, etc.

Property Damage. The intentional or accidental damage to any property owned, leased or under the control of the University through the act of skateboarding, rollerblading, or roller skating or use of bicycles and scooters.

Roller Skates. Each of a pair of boots, or metal frames attached to shoes, with four or more small wheels, for gliding across a hard surface.

Roller Blades. A boot with a single row of small wheels on the bottom.

Safety Regulations. Those rules and procedures necessary to insure the safety of individuals and property.

Scooters. A vehicle consisting of a footboard mounted on two or four wheels and a long steering handle, propelled by resting one foot on the footboard and pushing the other against the ground.

Skateboards. A short narrow board with two small wheels fixed to the bottom of either end, on which a person can ride, propelling themselves by occasionally pushing one foot against the ground.

Skateboarding, Long Boarding, Scooting, Hoverboarding, Roller Skating, Roller Blading. The movement of an individual by equipment commonly identified or known, as those items listed.

University Regulations. Those rules and policies to insure conformance to campus regulations, and specific University concerns.
D. Policy

To minimize the risk of personal injury and property damage upon the campus of Lock Haven University:

- Due to concerns regarding fire safety and operator safety, the use, possession or storage of hover boards and similar devices is not permitted anywhere on the Lock Haven University campus.

- The use of skateboards, longboards, scooters, bicycles, hover boards, roller skates, or roller blades and similar devices (hereafter “riding devices”) is prohibited within all buildings upon the campus of Lock Haven University and all buildings leased by or otherwise under the control of the University.

- Riding devices are limited to use as transportation. Riding devices, of any type, shall not be ridden upon any stairway, wall, bench, fountain, or other structure or facility or on or over landscaping, shrubbery, grass or flower beds. Operators may not do tricks or stunts.

- With the exception of bicycles, riding devices may only be used upon pedestrian pathways. With the exception of bicycles, the use of riding devices on roadways or in parking lots is strictly prohibited at all times because the University has determined that such uses would present unacceptable risks of injury to riders and other users, and unacceptable impeding of motor vehicle traffic in such areas. Persons riding such devices shall comply with all official traffic control devices and signs including posted signs prohibiting riding in a particular designated location. Riding device users may dismount and carry their devices across any pedestrian accessible area in which riding of such devices is prohibited.

- Every person operating a riding device in any pedestrian assessable area shall yield the right of way to pedestrians at all times.

- Every person riding a device shall ride their device in a controlled manner and shall exercise due care and reasonable caution to prevent injury to others, to self, or to property. Individuals using riding devices upon the campus of Lock Haven University or on property leased by or otherwise under the control of the University shall do so at their own risk.

- Riding devices may not be operated two or more abreast on any pedestrian pathway, except as part of a University approved competition or function.

- Riding devices are to be operated at speeds that are prudent and reasonable under existing conditions.

- Any riding devices parked on campus is parked at the risk of its owner.

E. Removal and Impoundment of Bicycles:

Any Lock Haven University Police Officer or Official authorized by the University may remove and impound any bicycle under the following circumstances:
The bicycle blocks or otherwise impedes normal entrance to or exit from any building on the University campus (any building owned, leased by, or otherwise under the control of Lock Haven University).

The bicycle blocks or otherwise impedes traffic on any highway or sidewalk on the University campus (or adjacent to any building that is owned, leased by, or otherwise under the control of Lock Haven University).

The bicycle is parked in violation of any section of this policy.

The bicycle appears to be abandoned (as evidenced by missing parts, excessive rust, flat tires, frame damage, wheel damage, etc.).

Bicycles or other wheeled vehicles impounded can only be recovered with proof of ownership and upon the authorization of the Director of Public Safety or his designee.

Bicycles or other wheeled vehicles impounded will be held for 3 months and then will be properly discarded.

F. Violations

University students found in violation of these regulations may be subject to disciplinary action through the Office of Student Conduct and to criminal charges under the PA Vehicles Code Section 6109 as deemed appropriate by the University’s Public Safety Department.

University employees found in violation of these regulations may be subject to disciplinary action by the appropriate University Official and to criminal charges under the PA Vehicles Code Section 6109 as deemed appropriate by the University’s Public Safety Department.

Non-University affiliates and members of the general public found in violation of these regulations may be subject to criminal charges under the PA Vehicles Code Section 6109 as deemed appropriate by the University’s Public Safety Department.

Approved:

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Effective Date: 5/14/19

*This policy has been in existence for many years prior to 2020 with an exact date unknown. We are using 2010 as a default original and/or update date.