

Mohawk Valley Community College
Use of Wheeled Recreational Equipment on Campus Policy

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Policy Statement

Mohawk Valley Community College (MVCC) is committed to ensuring the safety of its employees, students, and visitors. To maintain a secure environment and reduce potential fire hazards and other safety risks, the use of wheeled recreational equipment is allowed on campus grounds but is strictly prohibited inside all campus buildings, including academic buildings, and other indoor facilities. Batteries from wheeled recreational equipment are also prohibited inside all campus buildings to further mitigate fire hazards. The policy is designed to prevent accidents and address safety concerns associated with these devices when used indoors. Violations may result in disciplinary action as per college regulations, and unauthorized wheeled recreational equipment inside buildings are subject to removal.

Definitions of Wheeled Equipment:

For the purposes of this policy, "wheeled recreational equipment" include but are not limited to the following:

- Electric Bikes (E-Bikes): Bicycles powered by an electric motor, either fully or partially.
- Electric Scooters (E-Scooters): Motorized scooters that are battery-operated and designed for personal transportation.
- Hoverboards: Self-balancing scooters powered by rechargeable batteries.
- Skateboards: Both traditional and motorized versions.
- Bicycles: Both traditional pedal-powered bicycles and those with motor assistance.
- Rollerblades/Inline Skates: Footwear equipped with wheels, typically used for recreational activities.
- Manual Scooters: Non-motorized scooters powered by human force.
- Electric Unicycles: Single-wheeled devices powered by an electric motor.
- Segways: Personal transporters equipped with two wheels and powered by an electric motor.

Possession vs. Use:

- **Possession:** Students are permitted to **possess** non-motorized wheeled recreational equipment, such as traditional skateboards, within campus buildings, provided they are not used indoors. For example, a student may carry a non-motorized skateboard into a classroom if there is no place to secure it outside. However, motorized wheeled recreational equipment, particularly those with Lithium-Ion batteries, such as electric skateboards, are prohibited from being possessed inside any campus building.
- **Use:** As stated, the use of any wheeled recreational equipment is prohibited inside campus buildings.

Wheeled recreational equipment, including bicycles and scooters, may be secured in designated bike racks on campus at the owner's risk. The college is not responsible for theft or damage.

Exemptions:

This policy does not apply to:

- Wheelchairs
- Wheeled equipment that are uses as mobility aids for individuals with disabilities
- Authorized campus vehicles used by public safety, facilities management, or other college departments.
- Strollers for infants and toddlers.
- The possession of non-motorized wheeled equipment within residence halls. Students may keep items such as rollerblades or traditional skateboards in their rooms but are not permitted to use them indoors.

Revision History

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