

Bemidji State University Policies

Policy Name: Motorized and non-motorized modes of transportation safety policy	Effective Date: 1/1/2016
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Policy Statement

Bemidji State University permits the use of in-line skates (including roller-skates) and non-motorized scooters, skateboards (including longboards) and bicycles/unicycles (modes of personal transportation) outside of buildings and tunnels on university property. The use and operation of other modes of non-motorized and motorized transportation, including, but not limited to, Segways, motorized scooters and mopeds, are prohibited as a means of transportation on university property. Due to possible fire hazard caused by many reported mechanical defects, hoverboards are banned from use (by anyone) on campus grounds, and may not be present inside any building or tunnel owned by or under the care and control of Bemidji State University. The prohibition of other motorized and non-motorized transportation is not applicable to individuals who require accommodation relative to a disability under the American with Disabilities Act of 1990 as amended in 2008, during the scope of bona fide university business, or to be transported to/from a storage area or recharging area. This policy does not diminish or supersede applicable local ordinances or state law.

Scope and Purpose of Policy

The scope of this policy applies to all members of the university community, visitors and guests relative to the operation of the devices listed above. The purpose of the policy is to provide a safe, walkable campus community while permitting the appropriate use of the above devices in a safe and responsible manner. The university does not assume liability or responsibility for injury to operators of modes of personal transportation utilized on university property, nor does the university assume liability or responsibility to those injured by operators of modes of personal transportation on university property.

Procedures

While transiting the campus, individuals must not operate permitted modes of personal transportation in a manner that endangers others, damages property or equipment, incites fear or alarm and/or inconveniences pedestrians. Operators of these modes of personal

transportation will yield to pedestrians at all times. The safety and well-being of all campus community members, visitors and guests is of paramount importance. BSU property and equipment is not to be used to facilitate stunts or trick maneuvers, reckless or careless operation or other imprudent operation of personal transportation devices. This policy will be enforced by University Public Safety. The first contact with offenders by a Public Safety Official will result in a request that violators cease the activity. However, Public Safety Officials do retain the right to request that non-resident offenders leave campus grounds. Refusal to comply with instructions from Public Safety Officials will result in a report to the Bemidji City Police Department with a recommendation for the issuance of a citation for disorderly conduct and/or trespass.

Rationale

Bemidji State University values the safety and well-being of all university community members, visitors and guests. Bemidji State University sidewalks and grounds benefit the entire university community, which includes guests and visitors as well as the surrounding neighborhood and greater community. Therefore, it serves the health, safety and welfare of members, guests and visitors of the university as well as surrounding neighborhood and community to implement a policy intended to minimize hazardous conditions and the destruction of property belonging to or under the care and control of the university.

Supporting References

There are no supporting references for this policy.

