

BYU-Idaho Sidewalk Safety Regulations

I. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines on use of sidewalks by other than pedestrian traffic and to establish a safe environment for pedestrians while allowing for necessary operation of vehicles, bicycles and scooters on campus sidewalks.

II. Philosophy

The sidewalks on the BYU-Idaho campus are designed for pedestrian travel throughout the campus. The safety of pedestrians should be the first concern for members of the BYU-Idaho community. While it may be necessary for vehicles to travel on sidewalks, the first priority is for the safety and access of pedestrians on the sidewalks.

III. Policy

3.0 Bicycle Definitions

3.0.1 Bicycle definition

A bicycle is any two or three-wheeled non-motorized (human-propelled) vehicle that is pedaled and used for transportation.

3.0.2 Motorized bicycle definition

A motorized bicycle is any bicycle that can use either human propulsion, motorized propulsion, or a combination of both to propel the bike.

3.1 Bicycle Regulations

3.1.1 Caution in use

Persons riding bicycles on campus sidewalk or in parking lots must exercise due care and reasonable caution at all times so as to prevent any accident or injury to pedestrians or other vehicles.

3.1.2 Right of way goes to pedestrian

Bicyclists shall yield to the right of way to all pedestrians, at all times, using sidewalks and parking lots.

3.1.3 Walk bicycles during times of high pedestrian traffic

Bicycle riders shall ride at a reasonable and prudent speed and shall not exceed walking speed when pedestrians are present on sidewalks (Maximum 5 mph). During times of high pedestrian traffic (i.e., during class changes), it is advisable for bicycle riders to dismount and walk their bikes. Bicycle riders that exceed speed regulations will be subject to a \$10 fine and/or a misdemeanor citation for violation of Rexburg City Ordinance 759 for repeat offenses.

3.1.4 Motorized bicycles

Motorized bicycles shall not be ridden on university sidewalks, except when using only human propulsion to ride on campus sidewalks.

3.1.5 Fine for improper parking

Bicycles may not be parked in buildings or locked to trees, posts, or other fixtures other than designated bicycle racks. Those bicycles found in violation of this section will be subject to impoundment and/or a \$10.00 fine.

3.1.6 Bicyclists have responsibility in accident

Bicyclists should provide name and other contact information to the other party involved in any accident with a pedestrian, property, or vehicle, on university property.

3.1.7 Registration of bicycles is required

The required registration helps identify a bicycle in the event of theft and provides the owner/rider with important safety information. Bicycles can be registered at no cost at the University Security and Safety Office in the Kimball Building Room 150 during regular business hours. Unregistered bicycles shall be subject to a \$5 fine and impoundment.

3.1.8 Bicycles allowed on campus for transportation purpose only

Bicycle use on campus is permitted for transportation purposes only. Entertainment activity, jumping, trick riding, etc., is not permitted on campus.

4.0 Stand-On Scooters Definitions

4.0.1 Stand-on scooter definition

A stand-on scooter is a non-motorized vehicle that the rider typically stands on and uses human propulsion to power the scooter. Small self-propelled scooters, such as Razors, may be folded up and carried with the rider into buildings. All scooters must have working brakes.

4.0.2 Motorized stand-on scooter definition

A scooter that the rider stands on that has been outfitted with a small motor. These may be parked in bicycle racks. All scooters must have working brakes.

4.1 Stand-On Scooters Regulations

4.1.1 Caution in use

Persons riding scooters on campus sidewalks or in parking lots must exercise due care and reasonable caution at all times so as to prevent any accident or injury to pedestrians or other bicyclists.

4.1.2 Motorized scooters on sidewalks

Motorized scooters are not allowed to be ridden on sidewalks when using the motor. Motorized scooters may be ridden using human propulsion or walked on the sidewalks.

4.1.3 Right of way goes to pedestrian

Stand-on scooter riders, shall yield to the right of way to all pedestrians using sidewalks and parking lots.

4.1.4 Walk scooters during times of high pedestrian traffic

Scooter riders shall ride at a reasonable and prudent speed and shall not exceed walking speed when pedestrians are present on sidewalks. During times of high pedestrian traffic (i.e., during class changes), it is advisable for scooter operators to dismount and walk their scooters. Scooter riders that exceed speed regulations will be subject to a \$10 fine and/or a misdemeanor citation for violation of Rexburg City Ordinance 759 for multiple violations.

4.1.5 Fine for improper parking

Scooters may not be parked in buildings or locked to trees, posts, or other fixtures other than designated bicycle racks. Scooters found in violation of this section will be subject to booting, impoundment, and/or a \$10.00 fine.

4.1.6 Scooter riders have responsibility in accident

Scooter operators shall provide name and other contact information to the other party involved in any accident with a pedestrian on university property.

4.1.7 Scooters allowed on campus for transportation purpose only

Scooter use on campus is permitted for transportation purposes only. Entertainment activity, jumping, trick riding, etc., is not permitted on campus.

5. Skateboard, Roller blades, Roller Skates

5.1 Prohibited

Skateboards, roller blades and roller skates are prohibited from use on campus sidewalks, parking lots, and grounds as they are primarily designed for use as a recreational devices. Campus is not designed nor intended for such recreational use.

5.2 Citation, ban, and arrest possible

Individuals that use skateboards or roller blades on campus are subject to a \$10 fine and/or misdemeanor citation for violation of Rexburg City Ordinance 759 for subsequent violations. Individuals that use skateboards or roller blades to deface campus property are subject to a \$50 fine and/or criminal prosecution for vandalism. Persons violating these provisions on a recurring basis may be banned from access to campus and may be subject to arrest under Idaho trespass laws.

6.0 Motor Vehicles on Sidewalks Definitions

6.0.1 Motor Vehicle Definition

Any motor vehicle with two or more axels designed to be propelled by gas or electricity. Motor vehicles include passenger cars, pickups, trucks, four and six wheeled all-terrain vehicles, such as Gators, hosting carts and grounds keeping equipment.

6.1 Motor Vehicles on Sidewalks Regulations

6.1.1 Vehicle Speed

When vehicles have a legitimate purpose to travel on university sidewalks, the speed of the vehicle are not to exceed the walking speed of the pedestrian traffic (approximately four to five miles per hour). Vehicles shall not pass and must yield the right of way to pedestrians.

6.1.2 Caution and Safety

6.1.2.1 Pedestrians always have the right-of-way on all campus sidewalks.

6.1.2.2 Motor vehicle drivers are responsible for injury to any pedestrians.

6.1.2.3 Vehicles should not be driven on sidewalks during times of high pedestrian traffic including but not limited to class breaks.

6.1.3 Motor vehicles, generally, should not be driven on campus sidewalks

6.1.3.1 Privately operated vehicles are not allowed to be driven on university sidewalks, without approval from the Security and Safety Office.

6.1.3.2 University owned vehicles may be driven on campus sidewalks, when necessary to complete assigned work.

6.1.3.3 Emergency vehicles including security, police, ambulance and fire apparatus are allowed on campus sidewalks during emergencies.

6.1.4 Sidewalks are not to be used as a shortcut across campus

Vehicles should be driven as much as possible on roadways around campus. Drivers should not use the sidewalks as a more expedient way to get through campus.

6.1.5 Loading and Unloading of Equipment

It is recognized that vehicle traffic will be needed to accomplish delivery of equipment and tools to various worksites and buildings around campus. Vehicles should only block sidewalks for a short term while supplies, tools and equipment are being delivered. Vehicles should then be moved to the parking lots, while work is completed.

6.1.6 Doorways and Emergency Egress

Vehicles shall not block entrance/exit doors of buildings, ADA access, fire lanes or emergency egress areas such as stairways. Vehicles such as carpet cleaning trucks that need to park near the entrances of buildings should be parked as far away from the doors as possible. Vehicles should not block sidewalks.