



## **Kutztown University Policy STU-024**

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### **Skate Boards, Scooters, Hoverboards, Roller Skates, and Roller Blades**

#### **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/procedure applies to all personnel, students, or other visitors. The policy/procedures are 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**

SKATEBOARDING- SCOOTERS- HOVERBOARDS- ROLLER SKATING- ROLLER BLADING The movement of an individual by equipment commonly identified or know as those items listed.

SAFETY REGULATIONS - Those rules and procedures necessary to insure safety of individuals and property.

HOVERBOARDS – Self balancing motorized devices that resemble skateboards.

UNIVERSITY REGULATIONS - Those rules and policies to insure conformance to campus regulations, and specific University concerns.

MULTI - PURPOSE FACILITIES - Those spaces, both indoors and outdoors used for various activities, classes, demonstrations, concert, movies, etc.

RESPONSIBLE PARTIES - Those individuals or advisors who indicate by signature that they will be in charge and assume the responsibility of insuring adherence to this policy.

PROPERTY DAMAGE - The intentional or accidental damage to any property owned, leased or under the control of the university through the act of skate boarding, roller-blading, or roller skating.

**D. Policy**

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

Due to concerns regarding fire safety and operator safety, the use, possession or storage of hoverboards and similar devices is not permitted anywhere on the Kutztown University campus.

The use of skate boards, scooters, hoverboards, roller skates, or roller blades and similar devices – hereafter ‘riding devices’ is prohibited within all buildings upon the campus of Kutztown University.

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. Such devices are limited to use as transportation.

Riding devices may only be used upon pedestrian pathways. Riding such 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. Also, the University may identify and by appropriate signage designate certain areas in which riding of any particular type of riding device is prohibited (e.g. it may designate certain pedestrian pathways as off-limits for skateboard riding because risk of personal injury are heightened due to steep grades or congestion). Persons riding such devices shall comply with all official traffic control devices and signs including posted signs prohibiting riding in a particular designated location. 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 accessible 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 such devices upon the campus of Kutztown University 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.

**E. Procedure:**

Any personnel observing a violation of this policy should immediately inform the violator of this policy. In the event that property damage or injury has occurred, a call should be placed for Public Safety and Police Services personnel to respond and investigate the incident. Officers shall identify the parties responsible for the property damage and if necessary, shall file the appropriate legal charges for such damage. If the person responsible for violating this policy does not cooperate with the staff member, a call should be placed to Public Safety and Police Services for assistance.

The Offices of Housing and Residence Life, Commuter Services, Public Safety and Police Services and University Relations shall communicate this policy annually to residents living on campus, commuting students, and visitors to campus via various communications and media outlets.

The Office of Physical Facilities shall erect and maintain signs at the entrances to the University advising that these activities are prohibited upon the property.

Public Safety and Police Services shall forward all reports concerning violations of this policy to the Office of Judicial Services for review and follow up as appropriate.

Responsible parties wishing to schedule a demonstration, show, or program pertaining to the titled activities must meet with the University Safety Specialist and Public Safety and Police Services to review safety regulations and suitability of the request of a multi-purpose facility.

**F. Effective Date:**

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