

Volume E2: Environment, Health, Safety and Security	E2.6 Bicycle and Non-Motorized Vehicle Safety Effective Date: 05/01/2014	Responsible Office: University Police
	Responsible Officer: Chief of University Police	

POLICY STATEMENT

Northeastern Illinois University (the "University") shall adopt and implement a campus bicycle and non-motorized vehicle policy in an effort to ensure operator and pedestrian safety and appropriate traffic flow.

PURPOSE OF THE POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to provide regulations for a safe and convenient environment for bicycles and other non-motorized vehicles (e.g., skateboards and in-line skates), permitted on campus walkways while at the same time providing for the safety of all members of the university community. These regulations do not apply to transportation vehicles for persons with disabilities (e.g., wheelchairs).

WHO IS AFFECTED BY THIS POLICY

All University employees, students, vendors and any other visitor present on University owned or leased property at any of its campus locations.

DEFINITIONS

Non-Motorized Vehicle (NMV): A transportation device, having any number of wheels, that provides ground transportation and is propelled solely by human power and upon which any person may ride.

REGULATIONS

[Illinois Vehicle Code 625 ILCS 5/
Bicycle Rules of the Road](#)

PROCEDURES

1. ILLINOIS VEHICLE CODE AND RULES OF THE ROAD

The operation of bicycles on campus (i.e., vehicles propelled solely by human-powered pedals) is subject to the provisions of the Illinois Vehicle Code and the Illinois Bicycle Rules of the Road. A copy of the Illinois Vehicle Code and Rules of the Road may be obtained by visiting the Illinois Secretary of State at cyberdriveillinois.com. Motorized bicycles are prohibited on Northeastern sidewalks or walkways.

2. RIGHT OF WAY

Operators of bicycles and other NMVs are required to operate at speeds that are prudent and reasonable under existing conditions. No person is allowed to operate any bicycle or NMV inside any building or on any pedestrian ramp. Anyone using a bicycle or NMV must yield the right of way to pedestrians. Use of skateboards or in-line skates may be used for transportation purposes only. Recreational skateboarding and in-line skating is prohibited.



3. DAMAGE TO UNIVERSITY PROPERTY

Bicycles and other NMVs may not be operated in a in a manner that could cause damage to University property (e.g. stairs, rails, benches). Bicycles may not be operated in a fashion that could cause damage to unpaved areas.

4. PARKING AND SECURITY

A bicycle is parked on campus at the risk of its owner. Northeastern Illinois University is not responsible for the loss or damage of any bicycle, or any part or accessory of any bicycle while on any Northeastern Illinois University campus. The Northeastern Police Department strongly encourages bicycle owners to register their bicycles with the City of Chicago Police Department with the objective of helping retrieve stolen bicycles. Registration information can be found by visiting the [City of Chicago Police Department's Bicycle Registration website](#).

For operators' convenience, bicycle racks are provided at various campus locations. All bicycles must be stored or parked at those bicycle racks. No bicycle shall be parked or stored in such a manner as to block entrance to or exit from any building or structure on campus, block walkways or stairs or to impede the normal movement of persons with disabilities. In addition, no bicycle or NMV may be parked, stored or left standing indoors, in stairwells, hallways, offices, classrooms, foyers or any other location that violates state or local fire or safety regulations.

No bicycle or NMV may be left in parking spaces provided for motor vehicles, on shrub or flower beds, trees, railings, light poles or in any other places where they could hinder pedestrian or motor vehicle traffic flow or damage property.

5. IMPOUNDMENT AND REMOVAL OF BICYCLES

Any NEIU Police Officer or other authorized university official may remove and impound any bicycle or NMV which:

1. Blocks or otherwise impedes normal entrance to or exit from any building on all university campuses,
2. Blocks or otherwise impedes traffic on any roadway or sidewalk,
3. Is parked in violation of any of section of this policy, or
4. Appears abandoned (has been tagged and not removed within the specified time).

Bicycles or NMV impounded may be recovered only upon proof of ownership (including registration with the City of Chicago, affidavit or proof of purchase) and after required fees are paid. Unclaimed bicycles shall be held for a minimum of three months, at which time the owner shall be presumed to have relinquished legal title. Such bicycles shall be disposed of through proper legal procedures.

The University is not responsible for any alleged damage or loss of accessories or equipment of an impounded unit.

6. PENALTY FOR VIOLATION

Owners are responsible for all costs involved in removal and storage of impounded items. Impounded units may be recovered only upon proof of ownership and after remitting a \$10 fee to the Northeastern Police Department. Payment of required fees may be appealed to the Chief of University Police

Operators traveling in a manner that is deemed unsafe or in a manner that could result in damage to University property by a Northeastern Police Officer may be cited and issued the appropriate citation.

RELATED POLICIES AND OTHER INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL

[University Police website](#)



CONTACT INFORMATION

Please direct questions or concerns about this policy to:

Contact	Phone	E-Mail
University Chief of Police	773-442-4100	Police@neu.edu

DISCLAIMER

The University reserves the right to modify or amend sections of this policy at any time at its sole discretion. This policy remains in effect until such time as the Responsible Officer calls for review. Requests for exception to any portion of this policy, but not to the policy statement, must be presented in writing to the Responsible Officer.