34.99.99.C0.01 Recreational Transportation and Self-Balancing Devices

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Revision History

Procedure Summary

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi (TAMU-CC) provides safety guidelines for the use and possession of recreational transportation and self-balancing devices. This procedure is intended to establish minimum safety requirements for the use of recreational transportation devices (e.g., skateboards, rollerblades, scooters, etc.) and prohibit the use of self-balancing devices (e.g., hover boards, balance boards, etc.) on the TAMU-CC campuses and facilities owned or leased by the university.

Procedure

1. Use of Recreational Transportation Devices

    1.1. Recreational transportation devices include roller skates, rollerblades, bicycles, skateboards, longboards, scooters, and all other transportation devices excluding disability-related (e.g., wheelchairs, assistive walkers, etc.) or emergency response devices.

    1.2. The sidewalk/walking path is a pedestrian right of way. Operators of all devices must yield to pedestrians when on or crossing a sidewalk or walking path.

    1.3. Recreational transportation devices may not be used inside any building, including parking garages.

    1.4. Recreational transportation device use is prohibited in certain areas of campus including: the Hector P. Garcia Plaza, the University Services Center, the walkway oriented north to south from the University Center through Lee Plaza (including Lee Plaza) to the end of the walkway at Corpus Christi Hall, the covered sidewalks at the Center for the Arts, and the upper walkway directly adjoining the front of the Islander Dining Hall. While traversing these areas, operators must dismount and carry or walk alongside their device.

    1.5. Operators of all recreational transportation devices are personally

responsible for researching, knowing, and complying with all applicable federal, state, and local laws as they pertain to device usage.

1.6. The use of recreational transportation devices in an unsafe manner and/or trick riding is prohibited. This includes, but is not limited to, riding on stairs, walls, rails, benches, and other structures, as well as operating the device at an unsafe speed.

1.7. Operators of all recreational transportation devices do so at their own risk and liability. Helmets and other personal safety equipment are strongly recommended for those using recreational transportation devices on campus.

2. Prohibition of Self-Balancing Devices

2.1. Self-balancing devices are one- and two-wheeled, battery powered devices that are able to balance themselves. These devices include, but are not limited to, hover boards, balance boards, and gravity boards.

2.2. Possession, use, and/or storage of self-balancing devices (excluding electric personal assistive mobility devices) is prohibited on the Miramar and Momentum campuses, including housing, and other property or facilities owned or leased by TAMU-CC.

3. Training/Education/Information

Relevant information is disseminated through campus announcements, signage, building monitor screens, new employee orientation, and housing resident handbook.

4. Sanctions

Failure to follow these requirements is a cause for university sanctions. Students in possession of a self-balancing devise or observed operating a recreational transportation device in a reckless manner and/or causing damage to university property will receive a referral to Student Conduct and Advocacy. For visitors, the first occurrence will result in a trespass warning, and the visitor will be subject to criminal sanctions for trespassing upon the second occurrence. For employees, the first occurrence will result in a verbal warning and a referral to their supervisor for appropriate disciplinary action upon a second occurrence.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

There are no related statues, policies, or requirements.

This procedure supersedes:

- *34.99.99.C1.02, Recreational Transportation Devices*
- *34.99.99.C0.02, Recreational and Self-Balancing Motorized Transportation Devices*

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