

Skateboards, Longboards, Roller Skates, Foot Scooters, Rollerblades, Other Coasting Devices, Self-Balancing Scooters, & Segways Policy

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Purpose:

To establish guidelines for the safe use of all coasting devices on campus while also ensuring the safety of pedestrians and vehicular traffic.

Policy:

Skateboards, longboards, roller skates, foot scooters, rollerblades, and other coasting devices are prohibited on roadways dedicated solely to vehicular traffic and in parking lots within 25 feet of parked cars. Coasting devices are approved for use as transportation on university property, but cannot be used in any manner that places pedestrians at risk. Use of coasting devices for acrobatics, racing or other stunts is strictly prohibited. Persons may coast or ride upon any sidewalk or approved surface used for pedestrian purposes, provided they yield the right-of-way to pedestrians on foot.

Clarion University prohibits the use of coasting devices within any building on campus or on any surface features such as, but not limited to, handicapped ramps, benches, hand rails, walls, steps, or other architectural features that might reasonably be expected to become damaged due to such use. Persons using rollerblades or roller skates should remove them prior to entering all university owned or university affiliated buildings.

The use of coasting devices in a reckless or dangerous manner, or for reasons other than for transportation only, is prohibited. Individuals violating this policy will be subject to the student conduct system as defined in the Student Rights, Regulations, and Procedures Handbook.

The use of self-balancing scooters and like devices on university property or affiliated properties is prohibited due to the inherent risk of fire or explosions associated with the lithium ion battery. This includes storage both in buildings including University Housing or in automobiles parked on campus. Specific use of Segways are permitted outdoors however use indoors is prohibited. Use of a Segway should follow procedures for use of coasting devices.

Key definitions or phrases:

1. **Skateboard:**
a board mounted on skate-type wheels.
2. **Longboard:**
a board mounted on skate-type wheels with a longer length than a skateboard and is typically used only for transportation.
3. **Roller skate:**
a shoe, or attachment for a shoe, with a set of wheels connected for skating.
4. **Rollerblade:**
a type of roller skate with in-line wheels.
5. **Foot Scooter:**
a narrow platform mounted on in-line or skate-type wheels with a handle to allow steering by turning the front wheels.
6. **Coasting device:**
any device such as a skateboard, longboard, roller skates, rollerblades, foot scooter, etc. which allows a rider to be transported by coasting either forward or backwards. Coasting devices are not classified as vehicles and are prohibited on all roadways. Coasting devices are also prohibited in parking lots owned by the university or university-affiliated entity.
7. **Self-Balancing Scooters:**
a two wheeled battery propelled personal vehicle consisting of a skateboard like platform for the feet and wheels.
8. **Segway:**
a two wheeled motorized personal vehicle consisting of a platform for the feet mounted above an axle and an upright post topped with handles.
9. **Recreational use of a coasting device:**
the use of a coasting device to do tricks, leave the ground, jump on or off objects, grind on, or slide down objects, etc.