

## UCR Policies and Procedures

### *Proposed*

<b>Campus Policy Number:</b>	450-90
<b>Policy Topic:</b>	Skateboards, Skates, and Foot-Powered Scooters on Campus
<b>Policy Owner:</b>	Associate Vice Chancellor, Physical Plant, Transportation and EH&S
<b>Effective Date:</b>	MM/DD/YYYY

#### **A. Introduction and Overview**

The community at University of California, Riverside (UCR) has increased to more than 20,000 students, faculty, and staff. This large population, which will continue to increase, has resulted in a greater density of persons walking along pathways and sidewalks throughout the campus. The pathways and sidewalks within the campus interior, especially in the vicinity of the Carillon Mall and the HUB, are heavily traveled by pedestrians throughout the day and early evening. Individuals using skateboards, roller skates, in-line skates, rollerblades, and foot-powered scooters have been observed weaving through the walking pedestrian traffic throughout the UCR campus. In many instances, the presence of those traveling on these pedestrian conveyance devices has disrupted the natural flow of foot traffic, creating conflict and, in some cases, triggering accidents. UCR continues to receive a significant number of reports and complaints of near-misses and collisions between those who are walking and those who are using skateboards, roller skates, in-line skates, roller blades, and foot-powered scooters on campus pathways and sidewalks.

In California, accidents involving the use of skateboards, roller skates, in-line skates, and roller blades have resulted in significant injuries and even death. Individuals using these pedestrian conveyance devices rarely wear helmets or other protective equipment, increasing the risk of serious injury or death. UCR students have sustained serious injuries that have required extended hospitalization after experiencing skateboarding mishaps. Additionally, the use of skateboards, roller skates, in-line skates, rollerblades, and scooters for stunts on campus has resulted in hundreds of thousands of dollars in damage to UCR property.

The intent of this policy is to protect the UCR campus community at large from the inherent dangers of skateboards, roller skates, in-line skates, roller blades, and foot-powered scooter use. This policy serves to ensure that the campus pathways and sidewalks, designed to accommodate foot traffic only, may be safely traveled.

## B. Background and Related References

Unlike bicycles, skateboards, roller skates, in-line skates, roller blades, and foot-powered scooters are considered pedestrian conveyance devices and are not considered vehicles by the State of California Vehicle Code. Per the California Vehicle Code, these pedestrian conveyance devices are prohibited from traveling on roads.

The UCR Long Range Development Plan only recognizes foot travel along the pathways and sidewalks of the campus. With the planned population growth and increasing density of buildings with new construction, allowing the use of skateboards, roller skates, in-line skates, roller blades, and foot-powered scooters on the same pathways and sidewalks as those walking was considered unsafe.

The University California (UC) President, in a letter dated July 14, 1971, delegated to each UC Chancellor the authority to “adopt traffic regulations governing the use of driveways, paths or grounds on campus or other facilities owned or administered by The Regents as authorized by (California) Vehicle Code Section 21113 [(f)].” The UCR Chancellor, in a letter dated May 18, 2009, re-delegated this authority to the UCR Vice Chancellor, Finance and Business Operations.

## C. Definitions

**Bicycle** is any device upon which a person may ride, which is propelled by human power through a system of belts, chains, or gears having either two or three wheels (one of which is at least 20 inches in diameter) or having a frame size of at least 14 inches, or having four or more wheels.

**In-Line Skates/ Rollerblades** are roller skates with straight-line wheel alignment.

**Pedestrian** is a person who is afoot or who is using a means of conveyance propelled by human power other than a bicycle.

**Pedestrian Conveyance Device** includes skateboards, roller skates, rollerblades, in-line skates, other skating devices, foot-powered scooters, and other similar devices.

**Roller Skates** are shoes or boots with two or four wheels or casters attached to the soles for skating on hard surfaces.

**Scooter** consists of a long footboard and wheels, controlled by an upright steering handle.

**Skates** are any equipment that is worn on the feet to enable the wearer to glide along on wheels and to be propelled by the alternate actions of the legs.

**Skateboard** is a board having a set of wheels mounted under it, ridden in a standing or crouching position.

**Vehicle** is a device by which any person or property may be propelled, moved, or drawn upon a highway, excepting a device moved exclusively by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.

## **D. Policy**

The use of skateboards, roller skates, in-line skates, roller blades, and foot-powered scooters is not permitted within UCR owned, operated, or leased buildings, and all UCR property, including campus pathways and sidewalks. Students who do not comply with the provisions of this policy will be referred to Student Judicial Affairs. Faculty and staff members who do not comply with the provisions of this policy are accountable to their supervisor, department head, dean, or vice chancellor. Violations of this policy by UCR faculty or staff members may result in disciplinary action in accordance with appropriate personnel policies or union contracts. Any non-affiliated person choosing to violate this policy may be asked to leave the campus and not permitted to return. Additionally, any individual who violates the provisions of this policy may be cited.

## **E. Procedures (Roles and Responsibilities)**

### **1. Campus Community**

This policy relies on the consideration and cooperation of all individuals on the UCR campus. Every member of the UCR campus community has the responsibility to inform any individual using a skateboard, roller skates, in-line skates, roller blades, or foot-powered scooter on the campus that such activity violates this UCR policy and to ask the individual to refrain from using the pedestrian conveyance device while on the UCR campus.

### **2. Director, Risk Management**

- On behalf of the Vice Chancellor, Finance & Business Operations, provides guidance and assistance to vice chancellors, deans, and department heads on matters pertaining to this policy.

### **3. Associate Vice Chancellor, Physical Plant, Transportation and EH&S**

- Ensures that correctly worded signs prohibiting the use of skateboards, roller skates, in-line skates, rollerblades, and scooters are posted at appropriate locations throughout the UCR campus.

### **4. UCPD Riverside Chief of Police**

- Advises campus officers on matters where the presence of a uniformed officer may be helpful to instruct the campus community of this policy.
- Directs campus officers to respond to reports of individuals who violate the provisions of this policy.
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### **5. Director, Transportation and Parking Services (TAPS)**

- Advises field staff on matters where the presence of a TAPS representative may be helpful to instruct the campus community of this policy.

### **6. Vice Chancellor, Student Affairs**

- Administers the student judicial process for UCR students who do not comply with this policy.

7. Vice Chancellors, Deans, and Department Heads

- Ensure that the policy is prominently posted in appropriate public areas across campus, and in handbooks and catalogs;
- Promulgate the policy to all employees and students within their respective areas; and
- Include the policy in appropriate orientation programs (e.g., new employee orientation, student orientation, etc.).

**F. Frequently Asked Questions**

1. *Can skateboards, roller skates, in-line skates, roller blades, and foot-powered scooters be in and around UCR housing facilities?*

Per [UCR Housing Regulation 2.06](#), Bicycles, skateboards, roller blades, roller skates, scooters and other similar devices are not to be used inside or within 15 feet of UCR Housing facilities.

Residents must dismount these items prior to accessing building walkways, sidewalks or entrances. Trick riding and stunts create a safety hazard and are prohibited on walkways or in other areas within the vicinity of Housing Services buildings.

2. *Is there a map defining the outer perimeter of the UCR campus?*

A map showing the outer perimeter of the campus is available at [UCR Campus](#).

**G. References and Resources**

- [California Penal Code, Section 626.6](#)
- [California Vehicle Code, Section 467](#)
- [California Vehicle Code, Section 670](#)
- [California Vehicle Code, Section 21113](#)
- [California Vehicle Code, Section 21969](#)
- [University of California: Delegation of Authority 0303, dated July 14, 1971](#)
- [University of California, Riverside: Re-Delegation of Authority 0303, dated May 18, 2009](#)

**H. Feedback**

For comments or questions regarding this policy, please contact either the UCR Director of Risk Management, at (951) 827-5892 or the Office of the Associate Vice Chancellor, Physical Plant, Transportation and EH&S, at (951) 827-3974 or via email at [UCRpolicy@ucr.edu](mailto:UCRpolicy@ucr.edu).