

TEMPLE UNIVERSITY OFFICE OF FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

FIRE MARSHAL SAFETY GUIDELINE

NUMBER: FM Safety Guideline 001-00
 TITLE: Personal Mobility Devices
 EFFECTIVE DATE: 12/16/2025
 LAST REVIEWED: 12/16/2025
 REFERENCES: 2018 Philadelphia Fire Code: Ch 10, 1031.2 Reliability, 1031.3 Obstructions.
NFPA Lithium-Ion Battery Safety for Consumers: [NFPA](#)

1.0 PURPOSE:

1.1 To establish safety guidelines for personal mobility devices.

2.0 DEFINITIONS:

2.1 **Personal Mobility Device (PMD):** Includes, but are not limited to:

- Bicycles – motorized/non-motorized/electric
- Scooters – motorized/non-motorized/electric
- Skateboards/longboards/cruisers – motorized/non-motorized/electric
- Unicycles – motorized/non-motorized/electric
- Hoverboards
- Segways
- Rollerblades/in-line skates/roller skates; and
- Any other electronically powered recreational mobility device.

2.2 **Roadway:** Roads open to the use of the public for vehicular travel on campus grounds.

2.3 **Walkway:** A paved pathway running directly along and adjacent to a roadway.

NOTE: Self-propelled wheelchairs, motor scooters, knee scooters, or other personal electric mobility devices specifically designed for and used by an individual with a mobility-related disability are exempt.

3.0 RESPONSIBILITIES:

3.1 All students, faculty, staff, postdocs, and visitors utilizing a PMD on Temple University's campus must adhere to this Guideline.

3.2 Users of PMD are solely responsible for their PMD, including their safe storage and protection and any and all damages, losses, expenses, or other liabilities related to the use, damage, loss, or theft of their PMD.

3.3 Users of PMSs must exercise due caution, yield to pedestrians, and ride with regard for the safety of pedestrians, on roadways and walkways, and property.

4.0 PROCEDURES:

4.1 Prohibited Uses

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4.1.1 The use, storage, charging, and maintenance of any motorized PMD inside all Temple University buildings is prohibited.

4.1.2 Charging of batteries or accessories associated with PMDs inside all Temple University buildings is prohibited.

4.2 Hazards

4.2.1 PMDs are a safety hazard when paths of ingress or egress are obstructed.

4.2.2 PMDs may be powered by Lithium-ion batteries. Lithium batteries are generally safe and unlikely to fail, but only so long as there are no defects, and the batteries are not damaged. When lithium batteries fail to operate safely or are damaged, they may present a fire and/or explosion hazard.

4.3 Approved Locations to Secure Device

4.3.1 Motorized or electric PMDs are not permitted in any Temple University building.

4.3.2 PMDs that are neither motorized nor electric are permitted inside a Temple University building so long as they are safely and properly stored by their user, remain with their user at all times, and do not create a safety hazard.

4.3.3 Utilize bicycle racks to properly secure your devices with recommended U-Locks.

4.3.4 PMDs are prohibited from locking onto trees, railings, signs, light posts, bus stops, and landscape spaces. Do not lock your device onto trees or railings.

5.0 Violations

Students and employees violating these guidelines are subject to disciplinary action by the university. Any other persons violating these guidelines may be cited for criminal trespass for continued or repeated violations of these guidelines on campus.

APPROVALS:

Note: The signed original of this policy is on file with the Temple University Office of Facility Management

Recommended by:

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