Procedure Statement

Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi provides safety guidelines for the use and possession of non-motorized and self-balancing motorized devices.

Reason for Procedure

This procedure is intended to establish minimum safety requirements for the use of non-motorized transportation devices (e.g. skate boards, roller blades, etc.) and prohibit the use of self-balancing motorized devices (e.g. hover boards, balance boards, etc.) on the TAMU-CC campuses and facilities owned or leased by the university.

Procedures and Responsibilities

1. Use of Non-Motorized Transportation Devices
   1.1 The following requirements apply to roller skates, rollerblades, bicycles, skateboards, longboards and all other non-motorized transportation devices excluding disability-related (e.g. wheel chairs, 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 Non-motorized transportation devices may not be used inside any building, including parking garages.
   1.4 Non-motorized device use is prohibited in certain areas of campus. The specific locations are: Hector P. Garcia Plaza, the walkway oriented north
to south from the University Center through Lee Plaza (to include Lee Plaza), to the end of the walkway at Corpus Christi Hall (“the spine”); the University Service Center, 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 their device.

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

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

1.7 It is recommended that all non-motorized transportation devices be registered with University Police.

2. Prohibition of motorized self-balancing devices (e.g. hover boards, gravity boards, etc.)

2.1 Hover boards, balance boards, gravity boards and self-balancing devices are all names for one and two wheeled, battery powered, self-balancing devices.

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

3. Responsibility for Enforcement

The University Police Department and Environmental, Health & Safety are responsible for enforcement of the above measures.

4. Training/Education/Information

Relevant information is disseminated through campus announcements, student handbook, building monitor screens, new employee orientation and resident hall lease agreements.

5. Monitoring/Reviewing & Evaluating Program Effectiveness

Failure to follow these requirements is a cause for university sanctions. Students observed operating a non-motorized transportation device in a reckless manner and/or causing damage to university property will receive a referral to Judicial
Affairs. 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 second occurrence.

Related Statutes, Policies, or Requirements

University Regulation 34.99.99.C1.01 Vehicle/Pedestrian Sidewalk Traffic

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