

FIU-115 Skateboards, Skates, Scooters, Ripstiks, Hoverboards and other Similar Devices and High Risk Activities on University Property.

A. General

Skateboards, longboards, skates of any type, scooters, ripstiks, hoverboards or other similar devices may only be used on University sidewalks and while crossing the street at crosswalks. The aforementioned devices must be operated at speeds reasonable and prudent, having due regard to traffic, pedestrians, property of others, surface of the side walk or pavement, the hazard at intersections, and other conditions.

B. Definitions:

- (1) "Crosswalk" means a specifically paved or marked path where pedestrians have the right of way to cross.
- (2) "Service Animals" as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, is any guide dog, signal dog, or other animal individually trained to provide assistance to an individual with a disability.
- (3) "Sidewalks" mean that portion of a street between the curb-line, and the lateral line, of a roadway and the adjacent property lines or the walkway between buildings intended for use by pedestrians.
- (4) "University Property" means any real or personal property owned, leased or otherwise controlled by Florida International University including, but not limited to, any vehicles, equipment, fixtures, materials or other items that are located on, within or around, any one of the above areas.

C. Rules:

- (1) No person shall use skateboards, longboards, skates of any type, scooters, ripstiks, hoverboards or other similar devices on University Property except as a means of transportation on sidewalks and while crossing the street at crosswalks.
- (2) The use of skateboards, longboards, skates of any type, scooters, ripstiks, hoverboards and other similar devices is prohibited at all times, in/on curbs; benches; stairs, stairwells; railings, ramps, parking lots; parking garages; wooden walkways; library breezeways; athletic facilities; landscaped areas; the interior or exterior of any building, including inside and outside patios. The use of skateboards, longboards, skates of any type, scooters, ripstiks, hoverboards and other similar devices is also prohibited at all times in any area(s) where the University has posted a sign(s) prohibiting the use of skateboards, longboards, skates of any type, scooters, ripstiks, hoverboards and other similar devices.
- (3) Pedestrians have the right of way on all sidewalks, crosswalks, walkways, and paths commonly used for pedestrian traffic. Persons operating skateboards, longboards, skates of any type, scooters, ripstiks, hoverboards and other similar devices shall yield to pedestrians and service animals.
- (4) The following high risk activities are also prohibited in, on or about the University's Property:
 - (a) acrobatics (e.g., jumping on or over steps, benches, walls, ramps, rails, bike racks, "free running," "Parkour," etc.);
 - (b) excessive speed; blocking pedestrian paths (e.g., sidewalks, ramps, doors, entryways, etc.);
 - (c) entering buildings while wearing skates of any type;

- (d) slack lining; and
- (e) rappelling; climbing in any areas, buildings, facilities, and/or exterior and interior locations that are not designated for climbing.

D. Sanctions:

- (1) Any person who violates this regulation is subject to an order to leave University Property by the University Police Department or any University representative having responsibility for the area(s) in, on, or about the University Property. Persons failing to comply with the order to leave or remain off the University Property are subject to arrest.
- (2) Any University student who violates this regulation may also be subject to discipline under the Student Code of Conduct.
- (3) Any University employee (faculty, staff, or otherwise) who violates this regulation may also be subject to disciplinary action by the University.
- (4) The University may seek restitution for damage to University Property due to a violation of this Regulation.

E. Exceptions:

Activities otherwise prohibited by this Regulation may be allowed as part of a University approved/sponsored program, activity or event or a program, activity, and/or event of a registered student organization provided the program, activity, and/or event has been pre-approved in writing by the President or designee.

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