

BICYCLE AND MICROMOBILITY DEVICE POLICY

PURPOSE:

To provide students, faculty, and staff with information about bicycle and micromobility device usage on campus.

SCOPE:

This policy applies to all students, faculty, and staff on the Coral Gables campus.

POLICY:

The University of Miami encourages the use of bicycles as a convenient and sustainable form of transportation on campus. The use of micromobility devices is permitted if used in accordance with Florida statutes and University rules and regulations for use in individual buildings and other areas. Some areas may be restricted from use for bicycles and micromobility devices.

DEFINITIONS:

BICYCLE - Every vehicle propelled solely by human power, and every motorized bicycle propelled by a combination of human power and an electric helper motor capable of propelling the vehicle at a speed of not more than 20 miles per hour on level ground upon which any person may ride, having two tandem wheels, and including any device generally recognized as a bicycle though equipped with two front or two rear wheels (e.g. three wheeled bike).

MICROMOBILITY DEVICE – Any vehicle or device that is powered by a motor, with or without a seat or saddle for the use of the rider, which is designed to travel on not more than three wheels and is not capable of propelling the vehicle at a speed greater than 20 miles per hour on level ground.

HAZARD – For the purposes of this policy, any situation when a bicycle or micromobility device is stored, parked, or secured in a manner which creates a situation of risk, peril or danger of personal injury, destruction of property, or theft of property.

U-LOCK – A type of lock consisting of "U" shaped, steel or other cut resistant material secured with a bolt locking mechanism at the open end of the "U". These devices have been shown to be more resistant to defeat than cable, chain, and padlock types of locks and are the only permissible style of lock on the Coral Gables Campus.

ABANDONED – Any bicycle or micromobility device that remains parked in one location for greater than fourteen (14) days; or is in a wrecked, junked, or inoperable condition is considered abandoned and subject to removal.

PROCEDURE:

A. OPERATION AND USAGE

- a. Operators of a bicycle or micromobility device shall follow all laws and campus regulations while operating same on campus.
- b. Refer to Florida State Statute 316.2065 and 316.2128 for specific laws pertaining to bicycles and micromobility devices.
- c. Operation of a bicycle or micromobility device in a manner or speed which is disruptive or

impacts the safety of self or others is prohibited.

B. SECURITY AND PARKING/STORAGE

- a. All bicycles and micromobility devices parked on campus shall be registered with the University of Miami Police Department (UMPD) and must display a UMPD bicycle registration decal. This allows for easy owner identification and in the event of theft aids in recovery.
- b. Bicycles and micromobility devices must be parked and secured to designated bicycle racks using a "U" style lock.
- c. Unregistered bicycles and micromobility devices and/or those which are not secured with a "U" style lock are subject to being locked with a UMPD "U" lock or impounded.
- d. Unless otherwise designated, campus racks are for short term parking not to exceed fourteen (14) days.

C. IMPOUNDING OF BICYCLES AND MICROMOBILITY DEVICES

- a. Abandoned bicycles and micromobility devices are subject to removal and impound. Impounded bicycles and micromobility devices which are unclaimed after 90 days will be disposed of in a manner of the University's choosing.
- b. The University of Miami, its employees, agents or assigns are not responsible for damage to locks, bicycles, or micro mobility devices in the course of removal or impounding of same.
- c. Bicycles and micromobility devices which are parked, stored or remain on campus, including public areas for which the University is responsible (e.g., swale, leased areas, etc.), in violation of this policy or in any manner constituting a hazard are subject to removal and impound.
- d. UMPD will post abandoned bicycles and micromobility devices with a notice giving the owner 20 days to remove the abandoned bicycle or micromobility device. If the posted bicycle/ micromobility device is not removed, it will be impounded and, if unclaimed, subject to disposal described above
- e. UMPD, Housing and Residential Life and Facilities Planning and Operations may immediately, without notice, impound any bicycle deemed to constitute a hazard.

D. LONG TERM STORAGE – Long term bicycle and micromobility device storage and summer storage is not permitted.

E. PROHIBITED USE AREAS

- a. With the exception of parking garages, no bicycle or micromobility device may be operated within any University building.