

Did You Know...

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Biking and Walking

Bike Registration

If you plan to ride your bicycle on campus, registration is free and strongly encouraged. A registered bike that is lost or stolen is more likely to be found and returned. To obtain more information on how to register your bicycle, please contact The Ohio State University Police Department at 292-2121.

Bike Racks

Bike racks are located throughout campus providing cyclists with a convenient place to secure their bikes. Bicycles should be locked to a bike rack using a u-bolt lock and cable combination. Please do not lock your bike to fences, signposts, disability ramps, stair railings, or trees. Bikes locked in places other than bike racks may impede pedestrian or vehicular traffic and may be impounded.



Rules of the Road

Bicyclists must obey traffic laws that apply to motor vehicles. For example, cyclists should always ride with traffic. Cyclists must also obey traffic lights, signs, speed limits, and lane markings. For a complete list of bicycle traffic laws, contact the OSU Police Department at 292-2121.

Bike Removal

If bikes are left unattended for an extended period of time, it is presumed that they have been abandoned. To let bike owners know that their bike is considered abandoned and may be

impounded, Transportation & Parking Services hangs a bright tag on the bike's handlebars, indicating that the bike must be moved by a specific date. Abandoned and illegally parked bikes often impede pedestrian traffic and prevent routine maintenance in the area.

Bikes are "tagged" and impounded at two different times during the year:

Tagged

second week in May
first week in August

Impounded

after Spring Commencement
after Summer Commencement

Please note: If an illegally parked or abandoned bike presents a vehicular or pedestrian hazard or prevents access to facilities, it will be impounded immediately.

To release a bike, the owner must show proof of ownership and pay a \$25.00 fee. Any impounded bike held in custody for longer than ninety consecutive days may be disposed.

Rollerblades, In-line Skates & Skateboards

Persons using skateboards, roller blades, in-line skates, or similar devices on University premises are limited to riding upon the sidewalks and crosswalks and must yield the right of way to pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists. The use of skateboards, roller blades, in-line skates, or similar devices is prohibited in all other areas, including roadways, bicycle paths, inside any University building; in any parking lot, garage, or construction area; or upon site furniture, architectural elements, walls, steps, ramps, or site improvements.

Any bicycle, skateboard, roller blade, in-line skates, or similar device used in violation of any of the provisions of these rules may be impounded and held by Transportation & Parking Services until all associated fines have been paid. Any impounded item held in custody for longer than ninety consecutive days may be disposed.