



Subject: New Policy on Electric Scooter Use, with Exemption for ADA Devices

Dear University of Central Missouri Community,

Following a review by the president and formal request from the Student Government Association (SGA), the University of Central Missouri is announcing revisions to its policy regarding the use of battery-powered scooters. These changes are directed with two primary safety concerns in mind: the health and safety of campus pedestrians and the safety of all building occupants from the potential fire risk of lithium batteries.

Effective **August 18, 2025**, the following regulations apply to recreational e-scooters:

- 1. Prohibited Riding on Campus Property:** Riding recreational electric scooters is strictly prohibited on all university property. This includes all indoor spaces and all outdoor areas such as sidewalks, the quad and recreational areas.
- 2. Prohibition of Scooters Inside Buildings:** To mitigate fire hazards and ensure clear access, recreational electric scooters may not be parked, stored or left unattended inside any university building. Storing scooters inside your residence on campus in Housing facilities is prohibited.

Exemption for ADA Mobility Devices

It is important to note that this policy applies specifically to personal, recreational electric scooters. **It does not, in any way, apply to or restrict the use of mobility scooters, electric wheelchairs, or other mobility assistance devices used by individuals with disabilities as a reasonable accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).**

Enforcement by UCM's Department of Public Safety

- **Scooters Found Inside Buildings:**
 - The UCM Department of Public Safety (DPS) will take possession of any recreational electric scooter found parked within a university building.
 - Please ensure that you can identify your property. Document the serial number so you can easily retrieve it.
 - DPS will relocate the scooter and secure it to a designated campus bike rack with a DPS-issued lock. If unable to secure it to a bike rack, it will be confiscated and stored in a safe location for retrieval by the owner.
 - The owner must contact Public Safety to retrieve their scooter.



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- **Penalties for Violations:** A structured set of penalties will apply to violations of either riding on campus or having a scooter impounded from a building.
 - **First Offense:** A verbal warning will be issued. The warning will be documented by issuing a university ticket with a \$0 fine.
 - **Second Offense:** A fine of \$25 will be assessed.
 - **Subsequent Offenses:** The fine will increase by \$25 for each repeat offense (e.g., \$50 for the third offense, \$75 for the fourth). Referrals for disciplinary action may be forwarded to the Office of Student Experience and Engagement or the appropriate area.

These new measures, developed in partnership with student leadership, are vital for creating a safer campus environment for everyone.

For any questions, please contact the Department of Public Safety at 660-543-4123.

Sincerely,

Chief Bill Brinkley
Director of UCM Public Safety