

## **Guidelines for Electric Scooter Use**

The University of Akron supports alternative transportation options that serve the needs of the campus community. Campus safety is a top priority and users of electric scooters, vehicles, bicyclists and pedestrians should be aware of scooter traffic on campus. Electric scooter operators must review and adhere to the following rules and safety tips.

### **Campus rules**

- Scooters should be ridden in the street, following all traffic rules. Use bike lanes when possible.
- Scooters are not permitted to be operated on sidewalks.
- Scooters are permitted on Coleman and Buchtel Commons.
- Obey all rules of the road, including traffic signs and signals.
- Users must follow all applicable state and local laws, ordinances and university policies.
- Scooters must never block pedestrian walkways, driving lanes, ADA access, or parking.
- Scooters must be operated at reduced speeds in the presence of pedestrians and pedestrians always have the right-of-way.
- Scooters cannot be used for racing, stunt or trick riding.
- Operators of scooters must not carry passengers.
- Operators must not be under the influence of alcohol when operating a scooter.
- Wearing headphones or earbuds while operating scooters is prohibited.
- Scooters are not allowed to be charged on campus, unless at a charging station.
- Scooters are not permitted in restricted areas of campus.
- Scooters will have a curfew time of 11:00 pm, at which time they will become inoperable until 5:00 am.

### **Restricted areas for Electric scooters**

- Scooters are not permitted inside any campus building.
- Scooters are not permitted in parking garages on campus.
- Scooters are not permitted on any campus lawns.
- Scooters are not permitted on sidewalks.

### **Parking etiquette**

- Scooter operators must dismount upon exiting roadways and walk the scooter to the parking area.
- Scooters must be parked in an upright position.
- Scooters must be parked so that campus walkways remain accessible and safe for the entire university community.
- Scooters may not be parked in pedestrian walkways, vehicle parking spaces (including ADA), on ADA ramps, stairwells, inside buildings, doorways or other areas where they block egress.

## **Safety recommendations**

- Wear a helmet.
- Maintain a three-foot minimum distance from pedestrians.
- Yield to pedestrians in crosswalks.
- Watch the road for uneven surfaces and debris.
- Dress for visibility and do not operate scooters at night.
- Share the road and never ride against traffic.
- Be wary of puddles and leaves that may hide potholes.
- Eliminate distractions and keep both hands on the handlebars at all times (e.g. no phone use or carrying bags).

The recommendations included above are intended to increase safety when riding a scooter but are not intended to be an exhaustive list of safety precautions or to guarantee operator safety. Operators are expected to review and abide by any terms and conditions agreed to in order to ride the scooter. As with any device used for transportation, users operate at their own risk.

## **More Information**

- For additional information about safety and service offerings, please visit the Spin Safe website: [spin.app/safety](https://spin.app/safety).
- Report issues with scooters, such as maintenance needs or illegal parking, within the Spin mobile app. Look for the icon of an exclamation point in the lower left corner of the screen.