

Notre Dame of Maryland University Campus Rules and Guidelines for Scooter Operation

Those who utilize electric scooters must operate them according to campus rules and regulations.

- Scooters are to be operated at a low speed in the presence of pedestrians and pedestrians always have the right of way.
- Scooters must be operated in a safe manner and may be subject to citations if operated in manner determined to be unsafe or reckless by the Office of Public Safety.
- Scooters may only be ridden on paved pathways and roads.
- Scooter riders shall comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, rules, and regulations regarding the operation of scooters including obeying official traffic control devices and signs. The University may identify, by appropriate signage, locations in which scooter riding is prohibited either permanently or during certain times.
- Riders are expected to use good judgement and common sense when riding scooters on campus. Scooter riding is at **one's own risk** and should never be operated in a manner that creates a safety risk for others.
- Scooter riders must dismount and walk the scooter across any pedestrian accessible area in which scooter riding is prohibited, including stairs.
- Only one person per electric scooter may ride at one time.
- Use of scooters for other purposes (i.e. tricks, jumps, rail sliding, etc.) is not permitted.
- Scooters may not be ridden or brought into any building.
- Scooters may not be charged on campus.
- When riding downhill, riders are encouraged to use care and reduce speed to maintain control of the device.
- Scooters shall be parked on campus and off-campus in an upright position with the kickstand down and in such a manner that does not obstruct the flow of pedestrian traffic including entryways to buildings. Further, a scooter must not be parked in automobile parking spaces, on lawn areas, shrub or flowerbeds, streets, stairs or inside any building.

Riding an electric scooter is a voluntary choice of the rider and is a relationship between the rider and scooter vendor, not with the University. These regulations are designed to encourage and promote safe operation of the scooters on the NDMU campuses.

In consideration of permission to use the scooters on the NDMU campus and in the absence of gross negligence or willful misconduct by NDMU, you agree to waive any claim against NDMU if you are injured or your property is damaged and to indemnify NDMU from any claims made by third parties or damages that NDMU may be asked to pay as a result of an accident while you are riding a scooter on the campus.

Scooter Safety

- Scooters should be operated at a low speed on campus at all times. It is imperative to operate slowly and always yield the right of way to pedestrians.

- Scooter operators are responsible for following all the rules of the road. This includes, but is not limited to, stopping at stop signs and stop lights, yielding, and following the speed limit.
- If you are unfamiliar with scooter operations, take time to look at operation and safety information provided by the scooter company that you use.
- Scooters can start very quickly for those unfamiliar, so start off slowly to keep the scooter from running out from under you.
- Be mindful of your surroundings.
- Scooters are meant for single riders only.
- Do not wear earbuds when operating a scooter.
- Keep both hands on the scooter handle bar at all times.
- NDMU HIGHLY RECOMMENDS that you wear a helmet at all times when operating a scooter. Consider other protective gear as well such wrist guards, knee pads, and elbow pads. You can order a lot of safety gear through free Apps, available from many scooter companies for active riders. Typically, users only pay for shipping.
- Never operate a scooter while impaired.
- Use caution in pathways that cross.
- In the event of an accident resulting in personal injury or property damage on campus, promptly report the incident to the Office of Public Safety.

ANY MEMBER OF THE UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY WHO VIOLATES STATE OR LOCAL VEHICLE OPERATION LAW, UNIVERSITY POLICY, REGULATIONS, OR STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT MAY BE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING SANCTIONS:

- University violations and fines are processed through the Office of Public Safety. Violation fines shall be processed in accordance with existing parking and transportation procedures. It is the responsibility of the recipient of a violation notice to settle the fine promptly.
- Violation notices may be appealed to the Traffic Violation Appeals Committee. Appeals shall be filed no later than 15 calendar days from the statement date of the citation notification.
- Repeated violations and/or unpaid fines may lead to the revocation of scooter use and privileges on campus and may lead disciplinary actions/sanctions.

One Bird & Red, White, and Bird

Bird Scooters offers discounted fares for low-income riders through its “One Bird” initiative, and for active duty and veterans through its “Red, White, and Bird” initiative.

To qualify for One Bird, individuals must be currently enrolled in or eligible for a state or federal assistance program, including, but not limited to Medicaid, SNAP, or your status with the university such as a **Pell Grant student**. Eligible students will have the \$1 base fee per ride waived. To enroll, email proof of enrollment in a state or federal assistance program, along with your full name and phone number, to one@bird.co. Approval takes approximately 2 to 3 business days.

To qualify for Red, White, and Bird, individuals must be active duty military or a veteran. Eligible students will have the \$1 base fee per ride waived. To enroll, email proof of military service by uploading a military ID, or other proof of military, along with your full name and phone number, to one@bird.co. Approval takes approximately 2 to 3 business days.

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