Purpose:

The purpose of this directive is to establish the initial response pertaining to the guidelines for the use of Skates, Skateboards and Roller-blades on campus.

Policy:

The University Safety Committee has determined skates, skateboards and roller blades are harmful to certain surfaces and should be prohibited on those surfaces in order to better preserve the University’s physical plant, to reduce maintenance costs and to keep special surfaces available to members of the community for their intended purposes. The Safety Committee has further determined skates, skateboards and roller blades may present hazards to pedestrians in some circumstances and these hazards should be minimized.

Procedure:

Villanova University prohibits the use of skates, skateboards and roller blades inside all campus buildings.

Villanova University prohibits the use of skates, skateboards and roller blades on any special outdoor surfaces as determined by the University, such as tennis courts, basketball courts, etc.

Villanova University prohibits the use of skates, skateboards and roller blades occurring in a fashion or in a location such that the activity presents a safety hazard to pedestrians or property. Skaters must operate in a safe manner at all times.

These guidelines are enforced by the Department of Public Safety. In the event a Departmental member encounters a child / teenager skating, skateboarding or rollerblading on Villanova University property:

1. The officer responding to a child / teenager skating, skateboarding or rollerblading will obtain the child/teenagers name, address, phone number and date of birth. When this information is obtained the officer will inform the child / teenager of the University guidelines about skating, skateboarding and rollerblading. Advising the child that the first offense is a warning and that further occurrences of these infractions will be handled accordingly.
2. The Investigative Unit will then assign a case number to the Incident and mail a standardized letter to the child / teenagers parents.

* The child / teenager’s name will be added to a file of offenders for possible reoccurrence. The on-duty shift supervisor must ensure an interview card is completed on the child/teenager and the interview data base is updated by the on-duty dispatcher.

Infractions by staff shall be referred to the Human Resources Office as per memorandum from the Director of Environmental Health and Safety.

Infractions by Villanova students will be referred to the Dean of Students for further action.