

# Skates, Skateboards, Roller Blades and other Coasting Equipment

## 348.1 PURPOSE

The purpose of this directive is to provide guidelines for a safe and convenient environment for the use of skates, skateboards, roller blades, scooters and other similar types of equipment on university campus.

## 348.2 POLICY

- A. Responsible use of alternative transportation methods including roller skates, skateboards, roller blades, scooters, and other coasting devices is allowed on campus as a way of reducing reliance on motorized transportation and promoting healthy exercise.
- B. Students and visitors using roller skates, skateboards, roller blades, scooters or similar types of equipment as means of transportation shall be expected to exhibit due regard for the safety of pedestrians at all times.
- C. Villanova University employees, including faculty, staff, and student workers, are not permitted to use skateboards, scooters, roller-blades, and/or roller-skates during work, regardless of location.
- D. Persons may coast or ride upon any sidewalk or improved surface used for pedestrian purposes, subject to the following restrictions:
  - Users must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians at all times.
  - Coasting devices may not be used in any manner that places pedestrians at risk.
  - Speed of the device must not be excessive, and the user must remain in control of their device at all times.
  - Use is prohibited in parking structures.
  - Use of the devices for acrobatics, racing, or other stunts is strictly prohibited. Riding on any architectural or landscape features other than sidewalks is prohibited. All wheels of the device must be in contact with the ground while in use.
  - The use of coasting devices is prohibited within any building, any covered area, and in the designated pedestrian-only zones on campus.
  - Persons using roller skates or roller blades must remove them before entering any campus building.
- (a) In addition to the guidelines provided above, users of skateboards and other coasting devices are subject to Radnor Township municipal ordinance §237, governing the use of such equipment around pedestrian traffic and certain locations see <https://ecode360.com/10973547>.
- (b) Individuals shall be held responsible for injuries to themselves or others, and/or damage caused to university property, as a result of improper operations of skates, skateboards, roller blades, or similar types of equipment on campus.

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### **348.3 ENFORCEMENT**

- A. These guidelines are enforced by the Department of Public Safety.
  - Infractions by faculty or staff shall be documented in ARMS and referred to the Human Resources Office as per memorandum from the Director of Environmental Health and Safety.
  - Infractions by students shall be documented in ARMS and referred to the Dean of Students for further action.
- 3. In the event a departmental member encounters a child/teenager operating a coasting device on Villanova University property:
  - The officer responding to a child/teenager operating a coasting device on campus in a prohibited manner, will provide a warning as a first offense. Followed by instructions and guidelines listed above for the use of such devices on campus. The officer will document the incident and include the child/teenager's name, address, phone number and date of birth in ARMS.
  - Member of the Investigative Unit will mail a standardized letter to the child/teenager's parents, advising them of the incident.