University of Minnesota Morris  

Bicycle Policy

Policy

I. Purpose

A. To enhance pedestrian and rider safety within the inner campus during peak traffic periods.
B. To provide for the safe and free ingress/egress to and from all the University of Minnesota Morris buildings and facilities.
C. To reduce bicycle theft losses.
D. To identify, establish and publish written guidelines and regulations to facilitate the movement of bicycle traffic to and about the campus while safeguarding the needs of the community population, at large.

II. Scope

This policy applies to all University of Minnesota Morris faculty, staff and students who own, operate or store any pedal drive, human powered vehicles, on or about the buildings, grounds or premises of the University of Minnesota Morris campus.

III. Policy defined

A. Registration

The University of Minnesota Morris Campus suggests that every bicycle owned, operated or stored on or about the campus, will be registered with the University of Minnesota Morris Police Department. All persons living in UMM Residence Halls are required to resister their bicycle. The advantages of bicycle registration are:

1. Police will have a quick means to establish the ownership of a bicycle that has been removed from your control. Return of the property, and if appropriate, the arrest of a thief or receiver of stolen property will be greatly enhanced.
2. If your bicycle is lost or stolen the University of Minnesota Morris Police (UMMPD) will verify the existence of that bicycle to your insurance carrier, if requested. If the bicycle is not registered UMMPD will take your report of lost or stolen property; however, no verification of the prior existence of that bicycle, as your property, can be affixed to that report when forwarded to your insurance carrier.
3. **Bicycles remaining in UMMPD custody without identification of ownership are periodically sold at public auction.** Dates, times, and places of registration for bicycles will be widely advertised throughout each academic year with periodic reminders as may be appropriate with changes in the University of Minnesota Morris population such as the beginning of the spring semester and the summer sessions.

**B. Synopsis of Minnesota Operation of Bicycle Law**

1. Human powered, pedal cycles are vehicles according to the Minnesota Vehicle Code.

2. Vehicles, as indicated in #1 above are subject to the provisions of the vehicle code **Bicycle parking.** (a) A person may park a bicycle on a sidewalk unless prohibited or restricted by local authorities. A bicycle parked on a sidewalk shall not impede the normal and reasonable movement of pedestrian or other traffic.

3. A person operating a bicycle upon a sidewalk, or across a roadway or shoulder on a crosswalk, shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give an audible signal when necessary before overtaking and passing any pedestrian. No person shall ride a bicycle upon a sidewalk within a business district unless permitted by local authorities. Local authorities may prohibit the operation of bicycles on any sidewalk or crosswalk under their jurisdiction.

4. A person walking a bicycle is considered a pedestrian.

5. University of Minnesota Morris Police is authorized to enforce the Minnesota Vehicle Code.

**C. Parking and Securing of Bicycles**

In order to reduce the opportunity for theft the University of Minnesota Morris has a number of structurally sound bicycle security racks distributed at convenient locations throughout campus. University of Minnesota Morris Police are particularly attentive to these concentrations of security racks during their patrols.

1. Bicycles should be secured to a bike rack every time they are left unattended on campus, even if it is to be left for a moment.
2. Bicycles shall not be locked, secured, or otherwise parked to handrails, fences, trees, trip rails, or to, or in any other location that, in any manner, obscures the free ingress/egress of any building, stairway, pathway, or in such a manner as to interfere with the access to facilities as required by the U.S. Americans with Disabilities Act.

3. Locking Devices and Methods.
   o a. The U-shaped Kryptonite-type bicycle locks appear to be among the best types of locking devices.
   o b. When physically possible secure the main frame to the security rack.
   o c. If wheels are of the quick-release type, attempt to secure lock through the security rack, the bike frame and the wheel. If necessary, use an additional lock with a long shackle or a cable and lock to secure all the parts together.
   o d. If the bicycle is equipped with a quick-release seat adjustment, consider removing the seat and taking it with you.
   o e. Never secure a bicycle to an object which can, itself, be disassembled, cut or removed.
   o f. Use the bicycle security racks on the campus.