

# UCPD Community Alert: Electric Scooters

The University of California cares about your safety. With the recent influx of electric scooters, including those recently placed near UCR by the company, Bird, it is important to be informed of relevant campus policies and state laws so you can be safe and avoid campus policy violations and/or traffic citations. As you read through these, please remember that electric scooters (including Bird scooters) are **not** allowed on any of portion of UC Riverside property.

- Unlicensed motorized scooter are prohibited on campus (UCR Policy 450-24) <https://fboapps.ucr.edu/policies/index.php?path=viewPolicies.php&policy=450-24>

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Printer Friendly Version . Campus Policy Number: 450-24 Policy Topic: Unlicensed Motorized Scooters Policy Owner: Vice Chancellor - Business & Administrative Services Effective Date: 09/23/2010 A. Introduction and Overview The community at University of California, Riverside (UCR) has increased to more than 20,000 students, faculty, and staff.

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. Violation of this policy, by UCR students, also violates the UCR *Standards of Conduct* <https://conduct.ucr.edu/policies/standards-of-conduct> who may be referred for disciplinary action.

- California Vehicle Code (CVC) 407.5(a) -defines a motorized scooter as any two-wheeled device that has handlebars, has a floorboard that is designed to be stood upon when riding, and is powered by an electric motor.
- California Vehicle Code (CVC) 21235 –requires that operators of a motorized scooter **not** do any of the following:
  - (a) Operate a motorized scooter unless it is equipped with a brake that will enable the operator to make a braked wheel skid on dry, level, clean pavement.
  - (b) Operate a motorized scooter on a highway with a speed limit in excess of 25 miles per hour unless the motorized scooter is operated within a class II bicycle lane.
  - (c) Operate a motorized scooter without wearing a properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet that meets the standards described in Section 21212.
  - (d) Operate a motorized scooter without a valid driver’s license or instruction permit.
  - (e) Operate a motorized scooter with any passengers in addition to the operator.
  - (f) Operate a motorized scooter carrying any package, bundle, or article that prevents the operator from keeping at least one hand upon the handlebars.

(G) Operate a motorized scooter upon a sidewalk, except as may be necessary to enter or leave adjacent property.

(h) Operate a motorized scooter on the highway with the handlebars raised so that the operator must elevate his or her hands above the level of his or her shoulders in order to grasp the normal steering grip area.

(I) Leave a motorized scooter lying on its side on any sidewalk, or park a motorized scooter on a sidewalk in any other position, so that there is not an adequate path for pedestrian traffic.

(j) Attach the motorized scooter or himself or herself while on the roadway, by any means, to any other vehicle on the roadway.

Drive cautiously and defensively and please, be a safe and be a responsible rider.