Policy: The university encourages the use of bicycles, rollerblades, scooters, and skateboards in a safe and courteous manner as a method of land transportation on campus. Due to safety concerns, the university bans the possession of hoverboards (also known as self-balancing scooters or smart boards) on the university campus and prohibits the use of these devices on campus grounds. To ensure the safety of both users and the community as a whole, this policy sets out the regulations and methods of enforcement for the use of bicycles, rollerblades, scooters, hoverboards and skateboards on campus.

Purpose: The purpose of this policy is to ensure the safety of both users of bicycles, rollerblades, scooters, and skateboards, and the university community as a whole.

Scope: This policy applies to the entire university community.

Regulations:

1. Bicycles, rollerblades, scooters, and skateboards are permitted as ground transportation only, and can be used on public roadways and sidewalks, in a courteous and safe manner.

2. The University prohibits the use, possession, charging, or storage of any and all hoverboard or similar devices on campus grounds due to the potential fire hazard that results from the device's lithium-ion batteries.

   While these devices elevate the risk of fire hazards on campus, they also raise university concern over the potential for injuries, including concussions, fractures, contusions, and internal organ injuries that may result from operating a hoverboard.

3. Carleton University shall not be responsible for the loss or damage to any property of individuals referred to in this policy, however caused. Any damage, loss of property, or injuries on campus should be reported to the Department of University Safety to facilitate follow-up investigation.

4. Bicycle stands shall be provided as needed in various locations on campus by Facilities
Management and Planning in consultation with University Safety and Parking Services. Bicycles are not to be locked on handrails, handicap ramps, buildings, trees, or any other location besides racks provided by the university for the purpose of securing the vehicle.

5. Bicycles are not permitted in campus buildings except in approved storage areas. Bicycles, rollerblades, scooters and skateboards are not permitted in the tunnel system. Rollerblades, scooters and skateboards are not permitted in buildings. Rollerblades, scooters and skateboards are not permitted in campus parking garages.

6. Individuals using bicycles, rollerblades, scooters, and skateboards must do so in a safe and courteous manner having respect for all pedestrians and vehicular traffic and following all applicable city and provincial laws.

7. Any trick, or manoeuvre (i.e.: skateboarding on ledges, stairs, or rails) that could cause damage to property or injury to persons is strictly prohibited on university property.

**Enforcement:**

The Department of University Safety may remove bicycles placed or stored in violation of this policy.

The Department of University Safety maintains the authority to remove or suspend operations of any hoverboard on campus or on any University property. Violators of the hoverboard policy will be given the opportunity to immediately remove the device from University property.

At the discretion of Campus Safety Officers, a reported initial violation of this policy may result in a verbal warning and/or institutional sanction being placed against the offending party. Flagrant or continual breaches of this policy may result in charges being issued under the Trespass to Property Act by means of a Provincial Offence Notice for engaging in prohibited activity.

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