

Dear,

Throughout this semester, we have had continued issues with students using E-bikes, E-skateboards, and E-scooters. We have tried to address it with students through documentation and the student conduct process but observe that the issue is still widespread.

If you have an e-bike, e-scooter, or e-skateboard that uses a lithium-ion battery (as most of them do), you should take it home with you at break and **NOT** return with it in the Spring Semester.

These devices are a fire hazard and are **not allowed to be in the residence halls**. Most are not permitted to be used on campus at all. Use of these devices have also caused injuries to pedestrians. It is a very serious matter of safety. Please see the links below for information related to the dangers that micro mobility devices bring with them. Traditional scooters, skateboards, and bicycles are allowed. During the semester, bikes need to be stored outside in the racks that are provided. Traditional skateboards and scooters can be **carried** through the buildings to be stored in student rooms. Riding bikes/skateboards/scooters of any type indoors is prohibited.

Students who continue to use these devices and bring them into the halls will risk being disallowed from living in housing in the future or may even be asked to leave campus housing for breach of housing policy. **This is not a change to policy but an escalation of consequences for those who do not follow this policy.** We cannot ignore the risk of fire and injury that these devices create. If you are aware of individuals violating this policy you can [submit a report here](#).

Some resources to help you understand the concern related to these devices.

From NBC News: <https://www.nbcnews.com/nightly-news/video/e-bikes-e-scooters-injuries-multiplying-153294917615>

From VICE: <https://www.vice.com/en/article/wxnb3z/43-injured-in-manhattan-high-rise-fire-caused-by-electric-scooter-fire>

From National Fire Protection Association: <https://www.nfpa.org/ebikes>

About Injuries From Reuters: <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-ebike-injuries/e-bikes-show-distinct-pattern-of-severe-injuries-idUSKBN1YT0MV>

Pedestrian Death on college campus: <https://www.insidehighered.com/quicktakes/2022/10/06/illinois-state-vp-dies-after-campus-bike-collision>

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we try to keep our community safe.

Housing & Residential Life

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