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**Scope:**

LaGuardia Community College is committed to creating a sustainable and safe campus. As part of these efforts, the College Public Safety Department regulates the use of Personal Transportation Devices on College property.

Adherence to this policy is the responsibility of all members of the College community — staff, faculty, students, College affiliates, contractors and visitors to campus are expected to comply.

**Policy Statement:**

**I. Non-battery powered devices:**

This policy establishes protocols that prohibit the operation of non-battery powered devices, such as bicycles, skateboards, scooters, skates (roller/in-line), unicycles, tricycles, wheeled footwear, and the like, within the College buildings.

A non-battery powered device shall not be used within any College building for any reason.

The safekeeping of these devices is the responsibility of the owner. These devices shall not cause an obstruction, safety, or tripping hazard to the College community.

Securing a device in hallways, corridors, stairwells, or doorways is prohibited.

**II. Battery powered & gasoline powered devices:**

Any and all versions of motorized and/or battery-powered personal transportation equipment/devices are not allowed inside any campus buildings for any reason.

This includes, but is not limited to, e-Bikes, e-Scooters, battery powered skateboards, unicycles, hoverboards, mopeds, etc.



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This policy does not include any adaptive devices (e.g., manual or electric wheelchairs, walkers) or authorized equipment brought in for administrative and maintenance work.

**Violation of this policy will be documented by Public Safety and the owner and device will be escorted off the premises.**

### **Rationale:**

Due to the specific and immediate response required to safely contain a battery fire or malfunction, Electronic Personal Transportation Devices are hereby prohibited from campus for the safety of the college community.

Nationwide, charging batteries for devices like scooters and e-bikes sparked 330 fires in the U.S. from 2015 to 2018, causing more than \$9 million in property damage, says a Consumer Product Safety Commission study released in 2020.

While lithium batteries are normally safe, they may cause injury if they have design defects, are made of low-quality materials, are assembled incorrectly, are used, or recharged improperly, or are damaged. In February 2018, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's Status Report on High Energy Density Batteries Project reported over 25,000 overheating or fire incidents involving more than 400 types of lithium battery powered consumer products that occurred over a five-year period.

### **Bike Rack Locations:**

#### [Bicycle Parking](#)

#### [Parking Lot - Bicycle Rack](#)

E-bike and e-scooter parking is available in the College parking lot on 29<sup>th</sup> Street for a daily or monthly fee.

The following are general guidelines regarding bicycle parking on and around campus:

1. Signage will indicate proper bike parking locations.
2. Motorized or battery powered bicycles/scooters/devices shall be prohibited from parking at or within the Van Dam St. entrance (e.g., columns, railings, etc.) as it is part of the College's building. There are several public bike corrals available along Van Dam St. sidewalks.
3. Racks shall not be utilized as long-term bicycle storage.
4. Bicycle related gear (or other items) should not be left at the bicycle racks.



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5. Bicycles shall be parked in accordance with federal, state, and local fire and safety regulations.
6. **Bike locks** may be available for purchase from our bookstore

**Note:** The College is in the process of adding more bike corrals in the future.

**Devices shall not be parked or stored:**

1. In any building (e.g., offices, classrooms, etc.)
2. Against or fastened to any tree, plant, bush, or foliage.
3. Against or fastened to any water, steam or gas pipe, fitting, electrical fixture, fence, scaffolding, signpost, railing, public bench, or emergency safety device.
4. Upon or attached to any ingress/egress ramp, stairway or stairwell railing or otherwise fastened to or blocking any exit/entrance or handicap access to any College building.
5. In any other area not designated for bicycle parking or where parking is specifically prohibited by these regulations or by signs.
6. Without the motor or battery in place. Batteries are prohibited from campus buildings and any device found parked without the motor or battery shall be reported to Public Safety.

**Communication to the College:**

This policy will be posted at campus entrances, the parking lot, on the college website, and emailed College-wide, in compliance with Campus Marketing and Communications policies.

**Sources:**

[Preventing Fire and/or Explosion Injury from Small and Wearable Lithium Battery Powered Devices \(osha.gov\)](https://www.osha.gov/lithium-battery-safety.pdf)

[lithium-battery-safety.pdf \(washington.edu\)](https://www.washington.edu/lithium-battery-safety.pdf)

<https://transportation.umd.edu/bikeumd-escooters>