

	<i>Policy Level:</i>	President's Cabinet
	<i>Responsible Department:</i>	Student Affairs
	<i>Effective Date:</i>	August 21, 2026
Personal Electric Mobility Devices		

PURPOSE:

To ensure the safety and well-being of the Niagara University community, this interim policy prohibits the possession, operation, parking, storage, and charging of Personal Electric Mobility Devices (hereafter PEMDs) and accessory equipment on the University's Lewiston, NY campus. This interim prohibition is based on fire and safety concerns, including risks associated with lithium-ion batteries, and the University's current lack of appropriate outdoor storage and charging infrastructure. The University intends to develop appropriate outdoor infrastructure and safeguards and will review this policy when those measures are in place.

SCOPE:

This policy applies to all students, faculty, staff, and visitors possessing or operating PEMDs on the property of Niagara University's Lewiston, NY campus. **This policy does not apply to wheelchairs or other mobility devices used by individuals with disabilities in accordance with applicable law.**

TERMS AND DEFINITIONS:

Personal Electric Mobility Device (PEMD): Any small, lightweight transportation device designed primarily for individual use and powered in whole or in part by a rechargeable battery, including, but not limited to, electric bicycles (e-bikes), electric scooters (e-scooters), electric skateboards, hoverboards or other self-balancing devices, electric unicycles, and similar electric conveyances. For purposes of this policy, the term includes any removable or installed battery used to power the device. The term does not include wheelchairs or other mobility devices used by individuals with disabilities in accordance with applicable law, licensed motor vehicles, or University-owned vehicles or equipment.

MAIN PROVISIONS:

PEMDs are prohibited on all University-owned, leased, or controlled property on the Niagara University Lewiston, NY campus as follows:

A. Prohibition

- I. PEMDs may not be possessed, operated, parked, stored, or charged in or on any University building or outdoor area, including residence halls and apartments, parking areas, roadways, sidewalks, walkways, green spaces, and other University grounds.

- II. PEMD batteries separated from the main device and accessory charging equipment may not be possessed, charged, or stored inside any University building, including residence halls and apartments.

PROCEDURES:

- A. Compliance with this policy is subject to all Niagara University policies and applicable federal, state, and local laws.
 - I. **Students** found to be in violation of this policy may be subject to (i) discipline in accordance with the *Code of Student Conduct*; (ii) penalties imposed by Campus Safety pursuant to its policies; and/or (iii) civil or criminal penalties.
 - II. **Employees** found to be in violation of this policy may be subject to (i) discipline in accordance with Human Resources and other applicable policies; (ii) penalties imposed by Campus Safety pursuant to its policies; and/or (iii) civil or criminal penalties.
 - III. **Campus visitors** found to be in violation of this policy may be subject to (i) discipline in accordance with applicable University policies; (ii) penalties imposed by Campus Safety pursuant to its policies; and/or (iii) civil or criminal penalties.
 - IV. **Impoundment** may occur for any unattended PEMD found on University property. Such devices may be impounded immediately without notice. Niagara University is not responsible for damage to a PEMD that occurs during impoundment and has no responsibility or liability to replace or compensate for such devices. Impounded PEMDs must be collected by the owner within 90 days. After 90 days, they will be disposed of by the University. Fees may be required to retrieve an impounded PEMD.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

None.

REFERENCED POLICIES:

- None

STATUTES AND REGULATIONS:

None

POLICY HISTORY:

- Originated: 08/21/2026
- Current Effective Date: 8/21/2026
- Next Review Date: Upon development of appropriate outdoor infrastructure and safeguards, or three years from the current effective date, whichever occurs first.
- Revision/Renewal Log:
 - None