



Safety First

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Mopeds and the Law: Can a moped be used on campus?

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The use of mopeds on our campus is continuing to grow. The information provided here is meant to promote safe and lawful riding of mopeds within the university community.

Many of the mopeds we see on the campus community are 50 cc or less. Therefore, operators are not required to obtain additional licensing to own/operate a moped with 50 cc or less.

State Statute 340.01 (20) defines a moped as "...motor vehicles capable of speeds of not more than 30 miles per hour with a 150-pound rider on a dry, level, hard surface with no wind, excluding a tractor, a power source as an integral part of the vehicle and a seat for the operator..."

In Wisconsin, a moped must be registered and licensed. The operator of a moped must also possess a valid class D operator's license. If driving a moped or motor-cycle with an engine certified by the manufacturer at more than 50 cc then a special class M operator's license is required.

Operators of mopeds are required to follow all motor vehicle laws. Below is a list of some of the laws that are more commonly violated:

- Mopeds are entitled to the full use of a traffic lane.
- No passenger may ride on a moped.
- No driving upon any sidewalk area.
- No driving in a bicycle lane.
- Mopeds shall observe the requirements for lighted headlamps and tail lamps under State Statute 347.06.
- No person may operate a moped on any highway without wearing any of the following eye protection:



- Glasses, Goggles or a protective face shield attached to head-gear.
- Eye protection worn during hours of darkness may not be tinted or darkened.
- If a moped is equipped with a windshield that rises a minimum of 15 inches above the handlebar, the use of other eye protective devices is not mandatory.

September Incident Summary

UW-Whitewater Police Services contacts involving an incident number being taken.

- 44 - Underage alcohol consumption citations
- 12 - Theft investigations
- 9 - Assist Whitewater Rescue
- 9 - Traffic citations
- 9 - Fire and/or burglar alarms activated
- 6 - Welfare checks of persons and/or emergency detentions
- 5 - Disorderly conduct citations
- 1 - Found keys turned into Police
- 3 - Sexual assault investigations
- 1 - Drug investigation
- 1 - Harassment investigation
- 1 - Warrant service
- 1 - Assist other law enforcement department
- 1 - Damage to property investigation
- 1 - Lost University keys report
- 1 - Battery investigation



Happy Halloween!



Phone numbers to know...

Emergency 911

Non Emergency UWWPS (262)472-4660
 East Complex Police Liaison (262)472-1186
 City of Whitewater Police (262)473-0555
 Walworth County Sheriff (262)741-4400
 Jefferson County Sheriff (920)674-7310

Sexual Assault Response Team (262)472-1060
 Crisis Line (800)365-1587
 UWW Health and Counseling (262)472-1300

Fort Atkinson Hospital (920)568-5330
 Elkhorn, Lakeland Hospital (262)741-2120

UWW Information (262)472-1234

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