Policy

In order to preserve the safety of our pedestrian-first campus, the University of Cincinnati requires anyone operating a motor vehicle within its boundaries to be aware of and observe the rules contained herein.

Definitions

Motor Vehicle
Motor vehicles include but are not limited to cars, trucks, SUVs, vans, motorcycles, golf carts, Gators, and Kubotas. The university divides these into three classifications based on use and authorized access (note: scooters, electric skateboards, Segways or bicycles are not included).

Privately-Owned Vehicle
Motor vehicles on campus for the purpose of moving private-parties (and their belongings) to and from UC but have no other official business in service to the university.

Service Vehicle
Motor vehicles on campus for the purpose of maintaining or servicing UC resources, property or members of the university community in support of the university’s mission. (Examples: UC-owned vehicles, parcel carrier trucks, catering vans, food service delivery trucks, privately-owned vehicle with dock pass)

Low Speed Utility Vehicles
Golf carts, Gators, Kubotas or other smaller vehicles with a gross weight of less than 2500lbs and a lower maximum speed (< 35 MPH) than road vehicles.

Rules by Motor Vehicle Type

Privately-Owned Vehicles
- The speed limit on campus streets and roads is 15 mph.
- The speed limit in parking garages and lots is 10 mph.
- Other signage must be observed at all times.
- Prohibited from service vehicle areas.
Service Vehicles

- The speed limit on campus streets and roads is 15 mph.
- The speed limit in parking garages and lots is 10 mph.
- Other signage must be observed at all times.
- May access service vehicle areas.
- UC service vehicle operators may be granted access to non-street/road areas of campus with permission from their business unit or academic office during peak hours (in session weekdays from 7:30am-5:00pm.) Off-street Campus Authorization Placard must be present and visible on vehicle dash during peak hours. Placards may be acquired from Transportation Services for UC-owned vehicles or from Public Safety for non-UC service vehicles. Public Safety may also elect to accompany service vehicles to off-street areas of campus.
- The speed limit when driving on any off-street/road part of campus is 5 mph.

Low Speed Utility Vehicles

- The speed limit in parking garages and lots is 10 mph.
- May travel anywhere else on campus at speeds up to 15 mph or as fast as the pace of nearby pedestrians.
- Other signage must be observed at all times.

Discipline for Non-Compliance

Additional requirements for operating any vehicle on campus are listed below. For non-UC employees, failure to follow these rules may lead to warnings, citations or removal of driving privileges on UC’s campus. For Unrepresented UC employees, failure to follow these rules will also lead to discipline outlined below.

Disciplinary actions may take the form of (1) a written warning, (2) final written warning or suspension without pay, or (3) termination. For Represented UC employees, failure to follow these rules will also lead to discipline outlined in terms of the bargaining agreement and departmental procedures.

A violation of this policy older than 24 months should generally not be considered in determining appropriate corrective action. The nature of the violation may result in moving immediately to Level Two or Level Three. Illegal conduct is not subject to progressive discipline and may result in immediate termination.

Additional Behavioral Expectations

1. Dock parking is limited to the duration necessary for loading/unloading to building locations. Extended parking in docks is prohibited.
2. Dangerous, unsafe or intimidating behaviors (including verbal assaults or threats) toward pedestrians or other vehicle operators are prohibited.
3. Minimize vehicle idling time. Do not allow vehicles to idle for any length of time unless necessary to accomplish work-related tasks.
Organizational units may institute policies more, but not less, restrictive than this policy (6.3.1) if desired.

Related Links:

Uptown West Campus Map-Vehicular Access

Phone Contacts:

Department of Transportation Services  556-4424
Department of Public Safety  556-4900