University of New Hampshire Police Department

Skateboarding Responsibilities on the UNH Campus

The University of New Hampshire Police Department has authored this pamphlet in an effort to inform the public on the University’s policy on skateboarding while on campus property.

The Administration of UNH asserts that the use of skateboards on the campus of the University of New Hampshire should be limited to transportation purposes only. This practice is also shared with other personal connivances, such as bicycles, rollerblades and roller-skates.

It is the opinion of the University that performing tricks off of University property is both potentially dangerous and damaging.

Annually, the University pays several thousand of dollars to repair damage to railings, benches and stairs due to skateboarding tricks and vandalism.

In an effort to provide a safe and healthy environment that is conducive for higher education for both skaters and non-skaters we ask that you follow the University’s request that skateboarding be limited to transportation purposes only. Failure to comply could result in university sanctions or even possible criminal prosecution. Printed below is a list of approved area skateboard parks.

Any questions that you may have regarding this pamphlet and the information provided here may be directed to the following:

University of New Hampshire Police Department
1 Rosemary Lane
Durham, NH 03824
(603) 862-1427

Your compliance with these UNH skateboarding guidelines will help keep our campus a safer place for students, faculty, staff and guests.

Thank you for your cooperation!

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Skateboard Parks in the greater UNH Campus Area . . .

**Dover:** Henry Law Skatepark - River Street
**Exeter:** Exeter Skate Park
- *On Court St. past the Academy on the right hand side.*
**Hampton:** Hampton Skate Park - Landing Road
**Manchester:** Basquil Sheehan Park - Maple St./Auburn St.
**Nashua:** David W. Deane Skatepark - Bridge Street
**Nashua:** Nashua Skate Park - Pine Street
- *Take 93 to 3. exit Nashua*
**Portsmouth:** Portsmouth Greenleaf Recreation Center
- *Greenleaf Avenue & Holiday Drive*
**Rye:** Rye Airfield - Indoor Skate Park - US Route 1
Skateboarding Safety Tips

The skateboard/protective gear . . .

• There are boards with varying characteristics for different types of riding; i.e., slalom, freestyle or speed. Some boards are rated as to the weight of the intended user.
• Protective equipment, such as closed, slip-resistant shoes,
• Helmets and specially designed padding, may not fully protect skateboarders from fractures, but wearing it can reduce the number and severity of cuts and scrapes.
• Padded jackets and shorts are available for skateboarders, as well as padding for hips, knees and elbows. Wrist braces and special skateboarding gloves also can help absorb the impact of a fall.
• The protective equipment currently on the market is not subject to government performance standards and careful selection is necessary.

Tips for using a skateboard . . .

• Give your board a safety check each time before you ride.
• Always wear safety gear.
• Never ride in the street.
• Obey the city laws. Observe traffic and areas where you can and cannot skate.
• Don’t skate in crowds of non-skaters.
• Only one person per skateboard.
• Never hitch a ride from a car, bicycle, etc.
• Don’t take chances; complicated tricks require careful practice and a specially-designated area.
• Learn to fall—practice falling on a soft surface or grass.

Important Telephone Numbers To Remember

Police Issues: 862-1427
Medical Emergencies or Fire Calls: 9-1-1
Key Service: 862-4177
After Hours Key Service: 862-1427
Walking Escorts: 862-1427
Maintenance: 862-1437
Safe Rides: 365-6406