



# PA State System of Higher Education Board of Governors

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## **Policy 1985-02-A: Operation of Motor Vehicles on State System of Higher Education Facilities**

**See Also:**

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**NOTE:** The regulations are also published in the Pennsylvania Code, Title 22, Part XVII, Chapter 507.

### **A. Scope**

This policy is applicable to all persons operating a motor vehicle on facilities owned, leased, licensed, or operated by the State System of Higher Education.

### **B. Definitions**

The following words and terms, when used in this policy, have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

**Facility** - any site at which the State System maintains administrative headquarters, university campuses, branch campuses, extension centers, and other State System-owned, leased, licensed, or operated sites.

**Highway** - a drive, lane, road, street, or trail located on a facility.

**Motor Vehicle** - a self-propelled vehicle other than a bicycle.

### **C. Crimes and Offenses Relating to the Operation and Parking of a Motor Vehicle**

#### 1. Operation

Each of the following activities constitutes a summary offense under 18 Pa. C.S. § 7505 (relating to violation of governmental rules regarding traffic) when conducted on a university campus:

- a. Operation of a motor vehicle on a highway at a speed in excess of the maximum posted limit.

- b. Operation of a motor vehicle on a highway that is posted as closed to motor vehicles.
- c. Operation of a motor vehicle without snow tires or chains on a designated snow emergency route during a declared snow emergency.
- d. Operation of a motor vehicle causing excessive noise or nuisance to the public peace and order.
- e. Operation of a motor vehicle being used for business or commerce without specific written approval from an authorized official of the facility.
- f. Operation of a motor vehicle on university grounds other than roads or other areas designated for operation of motor vehicles.

## 2. Parking

Each of the following activities constitutes a summary offense under 18 Pa. C.S. § 7505 when conducted on a State System facility.

- a. Parking a motor vehicle other than in a designated or posted parking area.
- b. Parking a motor vehicle which obstructs a gate, road, bicycle path, access way, drinking fountain, entrance, exit, or road turnaround.
- c. Parking a motor vehicle in an area that is posted or closed, without written approval of the facility's chief executive officer or a designee.

## 3. Fines

The Board of Governors will set the amounts of the fines for each campus or facility upon the recommendation of the chancellor or the respective university president.

## **D. Enforcement**

### 1. Towing

A vehicle parked on a highway, parking area, or any other area in violation of parking rules may be towed at the owner's expense, upon authorization of the facility's chief executive officer or a designee.

### 2. Booting

An immobilizing device may be placed on any vehicle with three or more delinquent citations to compel payment of fines.

A service charge, not to exceed \$50 may be assessed for the removal of immobilizers.

3. Notice of towing and booting shall be contained in the published parking rules of facilities engaging in either practice.
4. Tow-away areas shall be posted with tow-away signs.

**E. Application of the Vehicle Code**

The provisions of 75 Pa. C.S. paragraphs 101—9910 (relating to the Vehicle Code) are applicable to the facilities of the State System of Higher Education.

**F. Trespass**

1. A person who disregards instructions or warnings given by, or interferes with a System police officer or employee or official may be ordered to leave the facility by the chief executive officer or a designee.
2. Refusal to leave the facility after receiving an order to leave from the chief executive officer or a designee constitutes an act of criminal trespass under 18 Pa. C.S. § 3503 (relating to criminal trespass).