

509.1 – PURPOSE

Unsafe conditions occur on Campus walkways when wheeled vehicles are operated near pedestrians. This policy establishes regulations for safe operation of vehicles on walkways. Walkways for pedestrians are the principal means of travel between buildings and activities on the Main Campus. Individuals should be able to walk on the Campus without being threatened by wheeled vehicles. Where possible and practical, Bridgerland Technical College (BTECH) will provide a safe environment for persons walking the Campus and will minimize hazardous conditions.

In 1997, the Utah Legislature passed House Bill 196, which requires that: a person operating a bicycle or any vehicle or device propelled by human power shall yield the right-of-way to any pedestrian and shall give audible signal before overtaking and passing a pedestrian. A person may not operate a bicycle or any vehicle or device propelled by human power in a negligent manner so as to collide with any pedestrian or other person operating a bicycle or vehicle or device propelled by human power. The Campus Walkway Safety Policy establishes requirements for human powered and motorized vehicles, consistent with Utah Law, to promote safe conditions for pedestrians.

509.2 – DEFINITIONS

Operator – a person operating a moving vehicle. The operator of a parked vehicle is the person responsible for parking the vehicle.

Pedestrian – any person standing, sitting, reclining, or moving within the Pedestrian Zone.

Pedestrian Zone – an area officially designated as the Pedestrian Zone.

Vehicle – any apparatus or equipment used to transport personnel and/or goods to include, but not limited to, cars, trucks, skateboards, in-line skates, bicycles, unicycles, ATVs, and golf carts.

Walkway – any horizontal concrete ground surface or paved surface other than designated roads, service docks, or parking lots within the Pedestrian Zone.

509.3 – WALKWAY USE REGULATIONS

509.3.1 – Legitimate Use of Vehicles on Walks

There are some practical and legitimate uses of vehicles on walkways. Buildings and facilities must be operated and maintained. Activities and programs must be serviced. Whenever possible, these service functions can be accommodated at existing service docks and service parking located at each building. However, use of vehicles on walkways for operation and maintenance purposes is allowed, but extra caution should be taken by vehicle operators in these situations in an effort to ensure the safety and access functionality for pedestrians. Emergency service vehicles (fire, ambulance, police) are permitted on all walks when responding to emergencies.

509.3.2 – Vehicles Prohibited on Walks

The operation of motorcycles or motorized scooters on any walkway is prohibited at all times.