

University of Maryland Interim Helmet Policy

Frequently Asked Questions (revised September 30, 2025)

- Why do I have to wear a helmet?
 - The helmet policy was implemented because your safety is very important to the university and wearing a helmet will keep you safer while you ride.
 - Micromobility vehicles can be prone to accidents, due to their small size, lack of safety protection and sometimes inexperienced riders. Accidents involving micromobility vehicles often involve head injury, and wearing helmets can reduce the severity of head injuries.
- What type of helmet do I have to wear?
 - The policy requires a Consumer Product Safety Commission-certified safety helmet. For faster vehicles, you may want to upgrade. [This article explains the type of helmet that is suitable for each type of vehicle.](#)
- When do I have to wear a helmet?
 - You must wear a helmet while riding your micromobility vehicle on university property.
- How will the policy be enforced?
 - UMPD officers will enforce the policy when the vehicle is flagged for another reason or just for a helmet policy violation.
 - In addition, anyone can [use this form to report an incident involving a student to the Office of Student Conduct.](#)
 - Non student violations will be directed to a faculty or staff member's supervisor.
- What is considered UMD property for the purposes of the helmet policy?
 - UMD property includes the entire campus, residence halls and other residences controlled by the university and located on or off campus, the Discovery District, and any other property controlled by the university. The campus boundary is a layer on the [UMD campus map](#) under "reference layers".
- What is the consequence for not wearing a helmet?
 - The penalty for not wearing a helmet is referral to the Office of Student Conduct (students) or referral to the supervisor (faculty/staff). If you are found in violation during a police stop, a UMPD officer will inform you that you have violated the helmet policy. If a report was sent directly to the Office of Student Conduct, their office will inform you.
- Can I appeal a referral to OSC or violation of the helmet policy?
 - [The process for appeals to the Office of Student Conduct is explained here.](#)
- Can I get a free or discounted helmet at UMD?
 - [Here is a list of DOTS events during Safety Month in October.](#) A limited number of helmets are available as giveaways at these events. [Here is information on how to get a \\$10 helmet from RecWell.](#)

- Can visitors be warned for not wearing a helmet?
 - A visitor who is not wearing a helmet while riding on university property may receive a warning.