

- D. Appears to be abandoned as evidenced by signs of disuse or neglect
- E. Has been reported as stolen to any law enforcement agency
- F. Is not registered with DOTS.

## BICYCLE REGULATIONS

The purpose of bicycle enforcement is to ensure safe and convenient access to UMD bicycle facilities and services. Bicyclists are subject to [Maryland State traffic laws](#) while riding on campus. All State regulations related to traffic laws are enforced by the UMD Department of Public Safety. This includes obeying traffic control signs, riding with traffic in roadways, yielding to pedestrians in crosswalks, and using hand signals. Maryland State Uniform Citations may be issued by police personnel for moving violations. The bicycle operator is responsible for all traffic citations.

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### BICYCLE REGISTRATION AND PARKING

Registration is free for all bicycles parked on campus. Registrants must be affiliated with the university and present a UMD ID with the bicycle at the time of registration. Bike registration information and procedures are available online at [www.transportation.umd.edu/bike](http://www.transportation.umd.edu/bike).

Bicycle registrations are assigned to the registrant and may not be transferred to another person. Liabilities for impound fees, parking fees, and citations incurred are the responsibility of the registrant. Bike registrations do not expire and cannot be renewed.

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### IMPOUNDMENT

Bicycle parking is available at racks throughout campus. Bikes parked anywhere other than a bicycle rack, in a state of disrepair, and/or that appear to be abandoned are subject to impoundment, storage fees, and associated fines. Items such as bicycles, locks, chains, helmets, wheels, etc., left on racks for over 72 hours may also be considered abandoned and subject to impoundment. Bicycles left on Shuttle-UM bus racks are not the responsibility of DOTS and are subject to impoundment at the owner's expense.

### RESTRICTED PARKING AREAS

Bicycles shall be parked in accordance with federal, state, and local fire and safety regulations. Bicycles shall not be parked or stored in the following areas:

- A. In any University building without a bicycle storage facility or permission from the department controlling the space where the bicycle is parked or stored
- B. Against or fastened to any tree, plant, bush, or other landscape item
- C. Against or fastened to any water, steam or gas pipe, fitting, electrical fixture, fence, sign post, railing, public seating fixture or table, or emergency safety device
- D. Upon or attached to any ingress/egress ramp, stairway or stairwell railing or otherwise fastened to or blocking any exit/entrance to any university building

- E. Any place that might block fire department access
- F. Blocking and/or parking on wheelchair access ways
- G. In any other area where parking is specifically prohibited by these regulations or by signs

#### CLAIMING AN IMPOUNDED BICYCLE

Impounded bicycles may be claimed at the DOTS office by appointment only. Find your bicycle in the impound database [here](#) and then email [bike@umd.edu](mailto:bike@umd.edu) with the following information.

- Your UID
- If the bicycle is registered with DOTS
- Bicycle manufacturer and model
- Color
- Date last seen by you
- Location where your bike was parked

Abandoned bicycles that remain unclaimed for one year and one day after the original date of impoundment will be disposed of or sold by the university.

An impounded bicycle will be released after the claimant:

- A. Provides proof of ownership
- B. Pays all outstanding impound fees and storage fees

#### LOST ITEMS

DOTS is not responsible for items left on Shuttle UM buses or in campus parking areas. When items are recovered, DOTS will hold those items at the DOTS office in Regents Drive Garage for 30 days before properly disposing of the items. Most items are donated or turned over to the appropriate campus department after 30 days. Food or other perishable items may be thrown away earlier at the discretion of DOTS staff.

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