BICYCLE REGULATIONS

All bicycles are subject to University of Maryland traffic laws while on campus. Maryland State Uniform Citations may be issued by Police personnel for violations. During a period of emergency and/or construction or special events, special parking restrictions and sanctions may be implemented.

BICYCLE REGISTRATION

Bicycle registration is mandatory for all bicycles parked or stored on campus. Bicycle registration is free. Registrants must be affiliated with the University to register a bicycle with DOTS. Registrants must have the bicycle with them at the time of registration. Registrants will receive a bicycle registration sticker from DOTS personnel at the time of registration, and only upon completing the bicycle registration form. Whenever possible, the registration sticker should be displayed on the seat tube of the registered bicycle.

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 permit registrant. The operator is liable for all traffic citations.

REGISTRATION BENEFITS

A. Provides a record of ownership
B. Aids authorities in locating the owner of a stolen bicycle
C. Free lock cutting services are provided for registered bicycles should your lock become damaged or disabled
D. Advance notice when DOTS collects abandoned bicycles

REGISTRATION RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Failure to advise DOTS of a sale or trade of a registered bicycle will result in continued responsibility of the registrant for citations received on that permit and bicycle.
B. The registrant is responsible for canceling or removing bicycle permits prior to selling or trading the bicycle, and notifying DOTS of the change.
C. No person shall obtain, attempt to obtain, or use an altered, stolen, lost, or counterfeit bicycle permit or a permit issued upon false information. Giving a false name, address, identification number, or other information known to be false shall constitute false registration. Violation of this provision shall be cause for citations/fees and possible legal action.

BICYCLE REGULATIONS AND IMPOUNDMENT

The purpose of bicycle enforcement is to ensure convenience and safety for students, faculty, staff and visitors. Each bicycle operator shall be responsible for all citations issued to him/her personally or to the bicycle(s). All State regulations related to traffic laws are enforced by the UMD Department of Public Safety. Regulations governing bicycle parking are enforced 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

PARKING AREAS

Bicycle parking at bicycle racks is available throughout campus. Parked bicycles that are in a state of disrepair and/or appear to be abandoned are subject to impoundment. Items such as 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. In any other area where parking is specifically prohibited by these regulations or by signs
G. Blocking and/or parking on wheelchair access ways

**BICYCLE IMPOUNDMENT**

UMCP maintains the right to impound, and will remove security devices at the expense of the owner/operator, any bicycle that is recovered due to classification as abandoned, lost/stolen, or parked in violation of these regulations.

Bicycles that appear abandoned or are in state of disrepair will have a notice attached to them for two weeks prior to impoundment. Campus-wide abandoned bicycle sweeps are done several times a year. Individual bicycles that are identified as abandoned may be impounded at any time throughout the year. Impounded bicycles are listed in an online database at [https://www.parking.umd.edu/bike/](https://www.parking.umd.edu/bike/).

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.

**CLAIMING AN IMPOUNDED BICYCLE**

Impounded bicycles may be claimed at the DOTS office by appointment with the Bicycle Coordinator ([bike@umd.edu](mailto:bike@umd.edu)). An impounded bicycle will be released after the claimant:

A. Provides proof of ownership
B. Registers the bicycle, if applicable (if the person is a campus affiliate)
C. Pays all outstanding citations, impound fees and storage fees