Using your Moped On Campus
Definition

- A moped, sometimes called a motor scooter, is a motor vehicle capable of speeds not greater than 30 miles per hour with a 150-pound rider on a dry, level, hard surface with no wind. The power source must be an integral part of the vehicle and there should be a seat for the operator. A vehicle's engine must meet the following standards, based on its features, to be considered a moped.

- If the vehicle has an automatic transmission, the engine must be certified by the manufacturer at 50 cubic centimeters or less or an equivalent power unit. This applies to most newer models bought in the United States. If you have a question regarding whether your vehicle is a moped or motorcycle, please contact the Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicles.
Definition

• If the vehicle is equipped with fully operative pedals for propulsion by human power, the engine must be certified by the manufacturer at not more than 130 cubic centimeters or an equivalent power unit.

• Any vehicle with a larger engine capacity is a motorcycle, regardless of its appearance. If you are unsure of the classification of your vehicle, check with your dealer or local DMV office.

• In this presentation, “moped” refers to both mopeds and motor scooters.
Rules of the Road

- All mopeds and motor scooters must be properly registered to the current owner and display a valid license plate.
  - Contact the Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicles for additional information: [http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/safety/vehicle/motorcycle/mopeds.htm](http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/safety/vehicle/motorcycle/mopeds.htm)

- Mopeds may not be operated on any wheelchair ramp, sidewalk, service drive, bike path, bike lane, off-road area or other restricted area.

- It is illegal in Wisconsin for a moped to carry a passenger.
Rules of the Road

• Mopeds may only be operated
  – On roads where the speed limit is 25 mph or less, two mopeds may operate side-by-side if both riders agree.
  – On roads where the speed limit is more than 25 mph, mopeds must ride single file.
  – On roads with two or more lanes in each direction, mopeds must operate in the right lane except when turning left.

• Mopeds are subject to all traffic laws just like any other motor vehicle
  – Moped operators must follow all traffic signs and signals.
  – Drivers must possess a valid driver's license to operate a moped.
  – Moped operators must yield to pedestrians in crosswalks.
Safety

- Always wear a helmet.
- Use eyewear, such as goggles, glasses, or a motorcycle helmet with a visor.
- Headlights should be on at all times.
- It is not advisable to operate a moped during adverse or winter conditions.
- Moped operators have more crashes than other motor vehicle operators. Mopeds are involved in 30 to 40 injury producing accidents per year in the campus area. All moped owners/operators should follow safe practices and have insurance to cover their liability should they cause injury to persons or property.
Pollution

• Despite high mpg ratings, mopeds create a significant amount of pollution. In fact, the average moped creates hydrocarbon emissions equivalent to several automobiles.

• For healthier options for you and our campus, please visit the UW Commuter Solutions page at www.transportation.wisc.edu
The complete moped parking policy is available online at [www.transportation.wisc.edu](http://www.transportation.wisc.edu).

Mopeds are not allowed in any classroom, lab, office, or building.

Any moped/motor scooter on campus must have a permit and park in a designated moped parking stall. Parking anywhere but within a stall will result in a citation. Moped/motor scooter parking permits are available for purchase online.

Moped parking permits must be visible from the front of the vehicle. Remove or cover the old permit with the new one.

Moped permits are valid in moped stalls only. If the designated moped stalls are full, the permit holder must go to another designated moped parking area.
Parking

- Mopeds may not be stored (parked for more than 72 hours) without authorization from UW Transportation Services except at moped parking areas assigned to and located next to university residence halls.
- Improperly parked or abandoned mopeds are subject to citing, towing, or impounding.
- The following information will be needed to purchase a Moped permit:
  - Your moped license plate number and issuing State
  - Moped Vehicle Identification Number (VIN)
  - Moped Make/Model/Year
  - Shipping address
  - A valid MasterCard or Visa credit card
Contact

Transportation Services
124 WARF Office Building
610 Walnut Street
Madison, WI 53726-2336

Phone: (608) 263-6666
Fax: (608) 265-3424
Web: www.transportation.wisc.edu

Hours: 7:15 AM - 4:30 PM, M-F
For more information regarding the moped and motor scooter policy, visit www.transportation.wisc.edu