



Awareness Around Campus

Whether you drive a vehicle, run, jog, walk, ride a bicycle, “hang” around, or “board” on campus, we want you to be aware of some important “guiding principles” when participating in these activities at Messiah University

General Awareness

- Abide by the rules of the road
- Watch for vehicular traffic in parking lots and on roadways
- Watch for pedestrian and other forms of “people” traffic on roadways
- Avoid high traffic times (weekdays between 7:15-8:00am and afternoons between 4:30-5:15pm) in and around employee parking lots and academic buildings
- Be aware of vehicles backing out of parking spots and lots; especially large type vehicles like the box trucks; if the vehicle is “beeping”, please do not walk behind it
- Report unsafe activity to Dispatch Services, ext. 6005 or 691-6005

Hammocks On Campus

- Students may safely secure hammocks to larger campus trees in a manner that will maintain your personal safety and not damage the tree.
- Hammocks **ARE NOT** permitted on or under buildings or other structures (i.e. campus bridges)

Runners/Joggers/Walkers

- Remember to run/jog/walk **AGAINST** traffic; this is so you can see what is coming toward you
- Please exercise on the sides of the roadway or on sidewalks, rather than the middle of the road
- Be aware of vehicular traffic and follow the rules of the road
- When jogging on off campus roadways, please jog single file, especially when vehicular traffic is on the roads
- If out after dark, wear some type of reflective or bright colored clothing so that you can be seen

Bicyclist

- Remember you are to bike **WITH** traffic (going the same direction)
- If you are riding after dark, you **MUST** have a front light **AND** reflectors on your bike
- You **MUST** abide by the rules of the road; stop at all “Stop” signs, yield to pedestrians, etc.
- If out after dark, wear some type of reflective or bright colored clothing so you can be seen
- Ride on the sides of the roadway
- You are strongly encouraged to wear a bicycle helmet
- Please do not ride in the middle of the roads and be aware of vehicular traffic, especially in parking lots and those backing out of parking spots

“Boarders”: pertains to all skateboarders, long boarders, and scooter riders (Messiah students only, all other boarders will be asked to leave)

- Remember you are to “board” WITH traffic (going the same direction)
- You MUST abide by the rules of the road; stop at all “Stop” signs, yield to pedestrians, etc.
- If out after dark, wear some type of reflective or bright colored clothing so you can be seen
- “Board” on the sides of the roadway or sidewalks
- You are strongly encouraged to wear a safety helmet
- Please do not “board” in the middle of the roads and be aware of vehicular traffic, especially in parking lots and those backing out of parking spots
- Refrain from “boarding” in areas that are dangerous; i.e. areas with gravel, steep hills, etc.

Vehicles

- Speed limit on campus is **15mph**
- Vehicles are to yield to all pedestrians
- Be aware of other activity in and around roadways, crosswalks, and parking lots; i.e. walkers, joggers, runners, bicyclists, and “boarders”
- Abide by the rules of the road; stop at all “Stop” signs, yield to pedestrians, etc.
- Wear your seatbelt; it’s the law!
- It’s illegal to ride in the trunk of a car or on top of a vehicle

We hope the above “guiding principles” help everyone be more safety conscious when out on campus. Safety awareness on campus is EVERYONE’S responsibility; help us keep each other safe. For more specific safety information, please go to the below link on the Department of Safety website. Thank you for your cooperation and partnership with this safety awareness campaign!

http://www.messiah.edu/info/20568/safety_office/811/personal_safety_info

Department of Safety