

SAULT STE. MARIE HOUSING COMMISSION BICYCLES, E-SCOOTERS, AND E-BIKES POLICY

The Sault Ste. Marie Housing Commission recognizes the safety hazards that can arise with the use of e-scooters and e-bikes. The Housing Commission has adopted a Bicycles, E-Scooters, and E-Bikes Policy that will provide guidelines for the use of bicycles, e-scooters, and e-bikes in Public Housing and will be implemented by the Housing Commission.

All bicycles must be stored outside of the dwelling unit. Tenants residing at Riverview Terrace or Arlington Towne Apartments can store their bicycles at the bicycle rack provided.

To help prevent fires and injuries involving lithium-ion batteries, residents **MUST** follow these safety practices when using or charging e-scooters and e-bikes:

DO:

- Always be present when charging devices using lithium-ion batteries.
- Only use an approved replacement battery pack.
- Follow the manufacturer's instructions for proper charging and unplug the device when done.
- Only use the battery and the charger that were designed for, and came with, the device.
- Keep batteries at room temperature when possible.
- Plug charging equipment directly into a wall outlet.

DO NOT:

- Do not charge devices while sleeping.
- Do not use a battery pack that has been modified/reworked by unqualified personnel or with repurposed or used cells.
- Do not dispose of lithium batteries into the trash or general recycling. Instead, take them to your local battery recycler or hazardous waste collection center.
- Do not keep charging device or device battery after it is fully charged.
- Do not charge them at temperatures below 32°F or above 105°F.
- Do not store batteries in direct sunlight.

E-scooters, e-bikes and other lithium-ion battery powered vehicles cannot be stored within 10 feet of any combustible materials and cannot be parked near or blocking an exit.

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