

USM Parking, Transportation, and Pedestrian Rules and Regulations

Any and all questions regarding these rules and regulations at USM may be addressed by contacting the correct department:

For Parking: USM Parking Services at (207) 780-4718 or emailing at usmparkingservices@maine.edu.

For Transportation & Pedestrian: USM Public Safety at (207) 780-5211.

For all Students, Employees, and Visitors

Authority:

Board of Trustees, University of Maine System, Policy Manual, Introduction, Section 102, Charter of the University of Maine System, Section 8-A

Introduction:

In order to ensure the safety of the university community and guests, it is necessary to establish rules and regulations for motor vehicle and pedestrian use. Enforcement is necessary to maintain safety and fairness for all.

COVID-19:

COVID-19 effected many departments on the University of Southern Maine Campuses as well as a shutdown of the University in the spring of 2020. COVID-19 is still considered a pandemic and effecting the World, and there are many changes that are happening and being adjusted continually due this pandemic. The academic year 2020-2021 at University of Southern Maine has changed many policies within departments including Parking Services. As such, the following rules and regulations for motor vehicle and pedestrian use have been updated in October 2020 to reflect these changes.

Transportation Fee:

The Transportation Fee is assessed to students registered for courses being held on the Portland and/or Gorham Campuses. This fee is found on the Student Bill. As of academic year 2020-2021, this fee is given to students who have a course that meets face-to-face every time. Students with the Transportation Fee do not need to pay the Parking Permit Fee.

- a. If you have a Transportation Fee on your Student Account/Bill and obtaining your permit via the Parking Portal then please select in Payment Method, BOS (Transportation Fee Only) option. Please do not enter your credit/debit card information.

The Transportation Fee supports the cost of parking operations (including the parking garage on the Portland Campus), walkway and parking lot maintenance/renovation, and campus emergency

and safety services. Additionally, the fee subsidizes fares for students and employees who use the Portland Metro Public Transportation System.

Parking Permit Fee:

The Parking Permit Fee is for students registered for courses being held on the Portland and/or Gorham Campuses and *did not* get a Transportation Fee with an assigned price attached to it. This fee is for students who are considered Blended (at least one course meets on campus for half the time of the course) or Online (all courses are online) Students. This fee must be paid directly to Parking Services. This fee *cannot* be charged to your Student Account/Bill.

- a. If you did charge your Student Account/Bill via the Parking Portal and Parking Services sees this, there will be a serious delay in processing your permit. You must pay via your credit/debit card for the Parking Permit Fee.

Emergency Medical Transport:

In case of injury or illness on campus that may require transport to an area hospital, immediately all USM Public Safety at 911 from on-campus phones, or (207) 780-5211 from all other phones. The USM Public Safety dispatcher will dispatch emergency response personnel to your location.

Emergency Call Boxes:

For emergencies on all the campuses, there are Emergency Call Boxes to call USM Public Safety. These call boxes are on a bright yellow box or pole with EMERGENCY on them.

Portland Campus currently has 25 emergency call boxes, including the 18 found throughout the Parking Garage.

Gorham Campus currently has 18 emergency call boxes.

Lewiston/Auburn Campus (LAC) currently has 4 emergency call boxes. However, calls on the Lewiston Auburn Campus will be answered by the Lewiston/Auburn 911 Center. Emergency responses will be handled by the Lewiston Police or Fire Department.

USM Alerts:

"USM Alert" is the University's text and email notification system for emergency alerts, weather closings and other critical information for the University community.

Please see the website to sign up: <https://usm.maine.edu/police/usm-alert-emergency-warning-system>.

The Complete Parking Rules and Regulations:

1. Parking Services and Office:

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- a. USM Parking Services manages all parking matters at the University of Southern Maine and its Campuses.
 - a.i. This entails all the information you need to park on any of USM campuses whether you are a visitor, student, or employee. You can also find information on parking permits, parking garage, rules and regulations, tickets and appeals, and frequently asked questions.
 - a.ii. Please note that the Parking Services Website is updated frequently with updated information.
- b. Parking Services is open 7:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. Closed on weekends, federal holidays, and during school closures, delays, and cancellations.
 - b.i. USM Parking Services Office is located in the USM Portland Parking Garage, on Level 1, in the Lobby to the left of the Garage entrance. You may get to the office through Abromson Community Education Center (88 Bedford Street, Portland, Maine, 04104).
 - b.ii. You must present a Photo ID at the window, this may be a current Driver's License or USM ID, Sodexo ID, Military ID, or Passport, to ensure that it is you and not someone else.
 - b.iii. Note that our parking system does not show us if a student/employee has given permission to someone else to look into their information with Parking Services. This is for at window service or via phone or email.
 - b.iii.1. This means only the person who is applying for a permit or was issued a permit may contact us about their information with Parking Services.
- c. Contacting Parking Services
 - c.i. Phone: (207) 780-4718
 - c.ii. Email: usmparkingservices@maine.edu
 - c.iii. Mailing Address: University of Southern Maine, Parking Services, PO Box 9300, Portland, Maine 04104
- d. During hours when the Parking Services office is closed, any questions or concerns please contact Public Safety at any time, 24 hours a day at (207) 780-5211.

2. Parking Garage Hours, After Hours and Weekends:

- a. The USM Portland Parking Garage is open Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. Otherwise, the Parking Garage is closed on weekends, federal holidays, and during school closures, delays, and cancellations.
 - i. The speed limit in the parking garage is **5MPH** at all times.
 - ii. The Parking Garage may be opened on select Saturdays and Sundays, dependent on events ongoing on the Portland Campus.

- iii. All members of the USM community with a valid parking pass may park in the garage for free with the use of the USM permit hangtag.
 - iv. Non-USM community members may park in the Portland garage for a charge of \$2 an hour from 8am-5pm or \$20 a day. Parking from 5pm-11pm is free of charge.
 - v. For Snow Ban parking, see section 7, Snow Removal & Snow Ban Parking.
 - vi. In the Parking Garage there are a total of 18 Emergency Call Boxes. These call boxes will contact you to USM Public Safety directly. You will find one emergency call box at the doors to Abromson Community Education Center and at each door of the stair wells on all levels in bright yellow.
 - vii. Pedestrians are not permitted to enter or exit through the vehicle entry and exit gates of the Portland Parking Garage.
- a.b. Opening of the parking garage on the weekends for university events must be scheduled through the Parking Supervisor at (207) 780-4718, who will then notify Public Safety of the request.
 - a.c. If you park in the garage and need to exit after the garage has closed, you may contact USM Public Safety at (207) 780-5211. Students, faculty and staff will need to pay an afterhours fee of \$25.00 for any unscheduled (non-university event) request after hours.
 - a.d. Visitors that require access to the garage after hours are subject to an afterhours fee of \$25.00 for any unscheduled (non-university event) request after hours.
 - a.e. Any opening of the parking garage afterhours is at the discretion and availability of the USM Public Safety officer on-duty.

3. USM Parking Portal:

- a. The USM Parking Portal is available 24-hours to purchase a permit or pay your citations at any time.
 - a.i. This online site can be found under the USM Quick Links on the left side at the home page of mycampus.maine.edu after you login.
 - a.ii. You must have your browser (example: Google Chrome) logged in to your maine.edu account for the new COVID-19.
 - a.ii.1. If there is a mention to delivery options, then before you logoff or close your web browser make sure you click on the words click here in red towards the top of the Payment Receipt page for the Google Form that lets us know you brought a permit and where to mail it to.
 - a.iii. If you are paying someone's citations, just click on word PARKING PORTAL above the picture to the left side. Then go to the bottom of the page (scroll down) for the CITATIONS information section.

4. General Parking Information:

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- a. For safety reasons, vehicles must be parked at least twenty feet away from fire hydrants. Parking in fire lanes is prohibited.
- b. Personal motor vehicles are not permitted to operate or to be parked on walkways or the grass/lawns unless otherwise indicated through signage by USM Public Safety or Parking Services. Maintenance, service, and emergency vehicles are allowed to operate on walkways for emergencies or operational needs.
- c. It is important that operators of motor vehicles travel at careful and prudent speeds, having due regard for vehicular and pedestrian traffic, surface and width of ways and other conditions as applicable. The speed limit on property owned or under the control of USM is posted **15 miles per hour**, with the exception of the speed limit in the USM parking garage, which is posted **5 miles per hour**. Speed limits are enforced on property owned or under the control of USM by the USM Public Safety Department.
- d. Unnecessary idling of vehicles is discouraged.
- e. USM assumes no responsibility for damage to, theft from, or theft of, any vehicle parked on property owned or under the control of USM.
- f. In compliance with Maine State Department of Environmental Protection Regulations, mechanical repairs to all vehicles, with the exception of changing a flat tire or jump-starting a dead battery, are prohibited on campus. Vehicles requiring other mechanical repairs must be driven or towed to an off-campus service facility. Changing or draining any vehicle fluids is prohibited on University property. All University vehicles must be serviced in locations designated for that purpose. The washing of motor vehicles is prohibited on campus, and vehicles must be washed at locations dedicated for that purpose.

5. Permits:

- a. Permits may be obtained by completing and submitting the appropriate permit registration form in person to the Parking Services Office, USM Public Safety (limited transactions currently), or mailing to Parking Services Office, or online at the USM Parking Portal. *See the Parking Services – Parking Permits webpage for the latest updated information on these purchasing methods and any other information on permits.*
- b. All employees and students are required to display a valid USM hangtag permit that can be clearly seen from the front of the vehicle when parked on property owned or under the control of the University of Southern Maine including but not limited to, surface parking lots, driveways, parking garage, and satellite lots. If any portion of the permit (color, number, or current permit date) is obstructed, the hangtag will not be considered valid. The display of a USM parking permit does not guarantee a place to park during peak traffic periods.
- c. There are five designated hangtag permits:
 - i. Commuter student permits are red, and allow for parking in any lots with a

red commuter parking sign on both campuses, as well as the Parking Garage on the Portland Campus. If the red commuter lots on the Gorham Campus are full, commuter students may park in the green and green and white striped residential lots.

- ii. Residential Upper Class student permits are solid green, and allow for parking in any upper class residential student lots on the Gorham Campus with a solid green signs. If the green upper class lots are full, upper class students may park in the green and white striped residential lots. As well as the Parking Garage and commuter lots P-2 and P-3 on the Portland Campus.
 - iii. Residential First Year permits are green and white striped and allow for parking in any first year residential student lots on the Gorham Campus with a green and white striped sign, as well as the Parking Garage and commuter lots P-2 and P-3 on the Portland Campus.
 - iv. Osher Lifelong Learning Institute permits are gold and allow for parking in the Portland Garage, and lots P-2 and P-3.
 - v. Employee permits are blue and allow for parking in any faculty/staff lots and spaces with blue signs on the Gorham and Portland Campuses. If the blue faculty/staff lots are full, faculty and staff may also park in commuter, green and green/white striped residential lots except for P-2, the lot between Woodbury Campus Center and Masterson Hall on the Portland Campus.
- d. Student permits are valid for the academic year (Sept. 1 – Aug. 31) and the cost for these permits is included in the Transportation Fee based on the number of registered credits. If you do not have such a fee on your bill, you will need to pay the Parking Permit Fee of \$25. Osher Lifelong Learning permits are valid through the academic year (Sept. 1 - Aug 31) and will be available to purchase at the Wishcamper Center for \$25. Employees’ permits are valid for the calendar year (Jan. 1 – Dec. 31) and cost \$25, due at the time of issuance.
- d.i. Retirees of University of Southern Maine may apply for a parking permit each year. These permits will be the blue Employee hangtag. Retirees with a valid parking permit are allowed to park in the Garage and surface lots of USM Campuses. There is no charge for our retirees.
- e. Hangtags are not permitted to be shared with anyone apart from the person who the permit was rightfully issued to, and only one permit per person will be issued for all vehicles registered to them.
- f. All outstanding citations need to be paid first before receiving a new parking permit to park on any USM Campus. Any questions or concerns, please contact Parking Services at (207) 780-4718 or email them at usmparkingservices@maine.edu.

6. Overnight Parking:

- a.a. *Overnight parking*: Parking one’s vehicle in any area listed below between the hours of 11 pm to 7 am the following day is considered to be overnight parking.

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- a.b. *Gorham Campus*: Overnight parking is only permitted for upper class residential students in lots designated with a green Upper Class Resident Parking sign on the Gorham campus and first year residential students in lots with a green and white striped First Year Resident Parking sign on the Gorham campus. No overnight parking is permitted in blue Faculty/Staff or red Commuter Parking lots on the Gorham campus, apart from for live-on employee/staff members.
- i. Any guests/visitors that are planning to park overnight on the Gorham Campus may do so in the green designated parking lots or any of the G-13 Parking Lots **with** a valid temporary parking permit, which can be obtained at Public Safety at 28 Husky Drive the Gorham Campus, open 24-hours a day.
- a.c. *Portland Campus*: Overnight parking is permitted on the Ground Level of the Portland Parking Garage, away from any openings to the outside, with a valid parking permit on display, with the exception of a Snow Ban. If those areas are full, you may go up to the next level, again away from any openings. There is no overnight parking permitted on any of the surface lots on the Portland Campus.
- a.d. There is no overnight parking permitted in any of the Commuter parking lots on both the Portland and Gorham Campuses regardless if a valid hangtag is displayed.
- a.e. There is no overnight parking permitted at any clearly displayed sign that states “No Overnight Parking.”

7. Snow Removal & Snow Ban Parking:

- a.a. *Obstructing snow removal*: Defined as any vehicle parked in any surface parking lot, Garage Level 4 on the Portland Campus or snow banned lots and locations with signs on the Gorham Campus that is preventing the removal of snow.
- a.b. Information about impending parking bans is posted and forwarded through USM Alert, via text and email. Students, faculty and staff should expect that a current or recent snowstorm is indicative of an impending parking ban.
- a.c. *Snow Banned Lots*: Parking lots that are designated in advance for snow removal. Any vehicles parked in these designated lots will be fined and vehicles will be towed from the property at the owner’s expense.
- i. To facilitate snow removal efforts, it is necessary for students and employees parking on-campus during snow storms and parking bans to move their vehicles to designated spots when required. Snow bans are in effect from 9 p.m. until 7 a.m.
- a.d. *Parking Garage Snow Ban Parking*:
- a.a.i. Vehicles parked on Level 4 of the Parking Garage during a ban may be fined and/or towed for obstructing snow removal.
 - a.a.ii. Do not park near any openings as this prevents the removal of snow and any storm debris that may be needed.

- a.a.iii. When parking during a Snow Ban, vehicles are to park on the Ground Level of the garage away from any openings. If full, you may move up one level, again not near any openings.
 - a.a.iii.a USM students/employees: Hangtags are required and to be displayed at all times.
 - a.a.iii.b Members of the community: There is no charge to the public for vehicles entering after 5:00 p.m. and exiting before 8:00 a.m. the following morning. If vehicles are not removed by 8:00 a.m., parking fees will begin accruing.
- a.e. If the University closes due to weather conditions, the garage will also close; usually one hour after the University closes. All vehicles intending to park for the length of the ban must be in the garage when it closes, if the University is closed the following day the garage will also be closed. The Garage will reopen when the University reopens. Please address any questions about snow ban parking to the Parking Services at 780-4718 or via email at usmparkingservices@maine.edu.

8. Long Term Parking:

- a.a. Students, faculty, or staff needing to leave their vehicles on the Gorham Campus overnight during University designated vacation periods must park in Lot G-13 between the designated long-term parking signs or on the Ground Level of the Parking Garage on the Portland Campus as long as they have a valid hangtag displayed at all times. Please keep in mind that the parking garage is only open from 7 AM – 11 PM Monday through Friday.
- a.b. Students, faculty and staff parking their vehicle in the parking garage during trips, that requires the need to enter or exit the garage at specific times after hours must make arrangements with USM Public Safety. Every effort will be made to have the garage open at the time requested, however opening the garage for special groups will be at the availability and discretion of the Public Safety officer on-duty at that time.

9. Motorcycle, Moped, and Scooter Parking:

- a.a. *Motorcycle*: A two-wheeled vehicle that is powered by a motor and has no pedals.
- a.b. *Moped*: A small two-wheeled vehicle with a motor and pedals like those on a bicycle, which can be used when starting it or traveling up a hill.
- a.c. *Scooter*: A light two-wheeled open motor vehicle on which the driver sits over an enclosed engine with legs together and feet resting on floorboard.
- a.d. Motorcycles, mopeds, and scooters are not required to display a valid USM Parking Hangtag to park on the Portland and/or Gorham Campuses. You may park in a regular spot. *Although, you must register it with Parking Services.*
- a.e. However, **do not park in hash marks** as they are in place to provide adequate turning for buses/cars/trucks and/or for use in conjunction with disability parking. Motorcycles, mopeds, and scooters **are NOT allowed to** park in a fire lane, grassy area, sidewalk, loading dock or any area that would obstruct traffic.

10. Electric Car Charging:

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- a. There is an Electric Car Charging Station on the Portland Campus at the entrance of the Parking Garage on the outside wall. The entrance is off Surrenden Street from Bedford Street (between the WMPG/Free Press white house and Abromson Community Education Center).
 - a.i. This station can be used by our students, employees, and visitors to University of Southern Maine.
 - a.ii. The charger is a Level 2, with a 25 foot long cord, 40A charging, and a universal charge connector that works with most electric vehicles.
- b. You do not need a Plug Share account for using it, but you do need to follow University of Southern Maine's rules:
 - b.i. There is a 2 hour charging limit at a time. You cannot be plugged in all day! Even on weekends.
 - b.ii. You must unplug after the 2 hours to allow the next person to use the charging station.
 - b.iii. Please plug in the next person in line, who has their port open, after you have unplugged.
 - b.iv. After the next person in line has their 2 hours and if no one is next, you can plug in again for another 2 hours. Again, be aware of your charging time limits.
 - b.v. If you have a newer vehicle that locks the charger into the port and no one can unplug you then you must be aware of your charging times at all times.
 - b.vi. Any harassment will not be tolerated and the USM Public Safety will be notified.
- c. Please note: You do not have permission to use the Charging Station inside the Garage. This Charging Station and the parking spot in front of it is reserved for a Special Permit Holder.
- d. Parking Services will make every effort to work with you, so when in doubt, please come see us!

11. Disability Parking:

- a. *Disability Parking:* A parking space with a stationary disability sign that is 60” from the ground and is blue and white in color. (ADA Handicapped Parking Rules – Access Signs Regulations)
- a.b. *Disability Access:* The hash marks adjacent to the designated parking space, which allow access in and out of disability vehicles.
- a.c. *Properly Displayed:* Displaying a plate or placard so that all letters, numbers, and dates can clearly be seen from the exterior of the vehicle. Placards must be displayed from the rearview mirror or on the front dash without being obstructed.
- a.d. *Misuse of Placard:* A non-disabled driver using the vehicle, plate or placard of another person who is disabled without transporting that person at the time.
- a.e. *Altering Placard:* A person who alters or causes to be altered the expiration date of a disability placard issued in accordance to this section commits a traffic infraction and is subject to a penalty of no less than \$100 and no more than \$500.
- a.f. *State of Maine Statute:* Title 29-A, §521: Registration; disability registration plates.
- a.g. Parking in spaces designated and clearly marked for persons with physical disabilities requires the display of either a valid disability registration plate or a properly displayed valid disability windshield placard.
- a.g.i. USM Students and Employees must have their Parking Permit on display at all times.
- a.h. No vehicle with or without a disability placard is permitted to park in the hash marks (disability access) that are adjacent to the designated disability parking space. Title 29-A, §521.9-B: Registration; disability registration plates.

12. Penalties/Tickets (Citations)/Fines:

- a.a. If your vehicle is parked in an unlawful parking spot or fashion, you, the owner/driver of the vehicle, are responsible regardless of who parked said vehicle.
- a.b. A violation of the Parking, Transportation, and Pedestrian Rules and Regulations may result in any number of consequences, including but not limited to, the receiving of a parking ticket requiring payment of a fine, towing of a vehicle and responsibility of the owner/driver for payment of related storage fees, student conduct proceedings, or suspension of campus parking privileges.
- a.b.i. Student conduct proceedings: Student will be reported to Community Standards. This could result in forfeiture of parking permit (hangtag) for 30 days and the vehicle will not be permitted on, if said vehicle is found on campus during 30 day suspension of permit, the vehicle will be towed on sight.
- a.c. The first parking ticket received during the academic year is simply a warning, and no payment is required. Any ticket afterwards will need to be paid. The following violations are **the** first-time warnings each academic year:
 - a. Unauthorized overnight parking - \$25.00 fine

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- b. Parking without authorized permit - \$25.00 fine
- c. Obstructing traffic - \$25.00 fine
- d. Parking in restricted area: including but not limited to: - \$25.00 fine
 - a. Parking in a loading zone
 - b. Parking in a service vehicle zone
 - c. Parking in the wrong coded lot/spot and/or parking on roadway
- e. Failing to display a valid parking permit (hangtag) - \$25.00 fine
 - e. The following violations **are not** first-time warnings and require payment upon receiving:
 - i. Unauthorized Disability parking as defined in rule #6 - \$200.00 fine
 - ii. Blocking a fire hydrant, fire lane, or emergency parking space - \$50.00 fine
 - iii. Driving or parking on sidewalks - \$50.00 fine
 - iv. Impeding Snow Removal - \$50.00 fine
 - v. Afterhours opening of garage for students, employees and visitors - \$25.00 fine
 - a.f. Bills for outstanding fines are mailed periodically to the most recent address on file.

13. Towing

- a.a. A compilation of unpaid fines totaling \$100.00 or more may result in the towing of the vehicle at any time. If a vehicle is towed, the cost and risk of the tow is the responsibility of the owner/driver. The towed vehicle will not be released until all fines are paid in full, or a partial payment and agreement for payment has been established. Agreements may be made with the Parking Services Portland office during regular business hours or with USM Public Safety when Portland Parking Services is closed. If the agreement is broken, the vehicle may be towed at the owner/driver's expense and fines will need to be paid in full. A second agreement will not be permitted if previous agreement was broken.
- a.b. A motor vehicle may be towed and stored at the owner's expense in the following situations:
 - a.i.i. Vehicles parked on campus during 30 day permit suspension
 - a.i.ii. A total of \$100 or more have accumulated for student/employee member affiliated with vehicle(s)
 - a.i.iii. Parking within twenty (20) feet of a fire hydrant or in a manner that impedes fire-fighting efforts
 - a.i.iv. Obstructing a roadway or a fire lane
 - a.i.v. Parking in designated emergency vehicle parking
 - a.i.vi. Displaying invalid registration plates, or the abandonment of a vehicle for more than or equal to 30 days
 - a.i.vii. Hindering snow removal operations

a.i.viii. Unauthorized parking during University designated vacation periods, snowstorms and parking bans

a.c. When a vehicle has been towed, the Public Safety officer taking such action will notify the dispatcher, who will then document the information in the dispatch logs. Once all fines, towing fees and storage fees have been fully paid, the vehicle may be released.

14. Appeal Process:

a.a. A person who wishes to appeal the receipt of a parking ticket must complete an online appeal form and attach any supporting documentation within **10 days** of receiving the ticket.

a.b. Appeals may be submitted or filed electronically from the Parking Services website under “on-line parking violation appeal form.” After reviewing the facts, the Parking Services Supervisor will contact you with a written electronic decision. The Parking Supervisor’s decision is final, no additional appeals will be given.

a.c. Parking Services Contact Information:

i. Portland: (207) 780-4718. Hours of operation: Monday through Friday
7:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. usmparkingservices@maine.edu

1. When the Parking Office is closed, USM Public Safety can assist you at any time, 24 hours a day via phone at (207)-780-5211 or in person at 28 Husky Drive on the Gorham Campus.

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Transportation Rules and Regulations:

1. Public Transportation:

- a.a. USM students, faculty, and staff may ride for free with a valid and active USM ID card on Greater Portland Metro Bus Services.
- a.a.i. For more information, Greater Portland Metro Bus Services can be contacted directly at (207) 774-0351 or at their website <https://gpmetro.org/>.
- a.a.ii. *Bus Problems:* If you have questions or concerns about bus service during regular business hours, please contact USM Public Safety at (207) 780-5211. If problems are reported to any office other than USM Public Safety, there may be a delay in the time it takes to address and correct the concerns.

2. Bicycles:

- a. Bicycle use is supported by the University as it promotes a healthy lifestyle as well as environmental responsibility.
 - i. Bike racks are located at various locations on all campuses.
 - ii. There is no storing of bicycle(s) allowed in the Parking Garage.
 - iii. Due to safety concerns, there is no bicycle riding allowed in the Parking Garage.
- b. For more information contact USM Environmental Sustainability, 25 Bedford Street, Portland at (207)780-4384 or at www.usm.maine.edu/sustain.

3. Maps and Directions to USM Campuses:

- a. Maps and directions to the Portland, Gorham and Lewiston/Auburn campuses can be found at: <https://usm.maine.edu/maps-parking-transportation/maps-and-directions>.

Pedestrian Rules and Regulations:

1. Pedestrian Guidelines:

- a. Maine State law defines “Pedestrian” as a person on foot, an operator of a wheelchair, or an operator of a 4-wheeled or 3-wheeled motorized wheelchair.
- b. Pedestrians are not permitted to enter or exit through the vehicle entry and exit gates of the Portland Parking Garage.
- c. Pedestrians should use crosswalks and sidewalks for their own safety. Pedestrians are prohibited from walking into traffic and/or obstructing traffic.
- d. Operators of motor vehicles must yield the right-of-way to pedestrians crossing within a marked crosswalk.
- e. A motor vehicle operator who fails to yield the right-of-way to a visually impaired pedestrian, who is utilizing a cane that is predominately white or metallic in color, with or without a red tip, or is using a guide or personal care dog, commits a traffic infraction punishable by a fine.

2. Alumni Skywalk:

- a. For comfort, safety and convenience, pedestrians are encouraged to use the skywalk above Bedford Street. The skywalk can be accessed from Level 3 of the Parking Garage and the second floor of the Abromson Community Education Center.

3. Campus Lighting:

- a. Checks of campus lighting are done periodically. Please report any lighting concerns or problems to USM Public Safety at (207) 780-5211.

4. Campus Escort Service:

- a. The USM Public Safety Department provides escort services to anyone having a safety concern about walking from one point to another on campus. Escort services can be obtained by calling the USM Public Safety at (207) 780-5211. Calls for service are prioritized according to the level of emergency, so escort by an officer may not be dispatched immediately if all officer personnel are involved with emergency type calls. If this is the case, the caller requesting the escort will be advised of the approximate period of delay.

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5. Walking at Night:

- a.i.a. It is advised that students, faculty/staff, and visitors walk lighted, well-traveled routes rather than shortcuts through dark areas and park their vehicle in a well-lit area.
- a.i.b. Have your keys in hand and ready to unlock your vehicle. Use the buddy system and walk in pairs when possible.
- a.i.c. Be aware of your surroundings and the locations of emergency telephones on campus.
- a.i.d. Call USM Public Safety at (207) 780-5211 for an escort if you have a safety concern about walking from one location to another on campus.