

Vehicle Operation, Parking Regulations and Enforcement

The University of Connecticut is authorized by state law to promulgate rules and regulations concerning the parking and operation of motor vehicles on its property. This sets forth the traffic and parking regulations for UConn Health. These regulations have been promulgated in the interest of the safety and convenience of every member of the university community as well as visitors to the campus. These regulations are in effect as of March 1, 2014 as amended.

1. Application of Regulations

1.1 The regulations contained herein are in effect twenty-four hours a day, except as noted, and are applicable throughout the year. During inclement weather their enforcement becomes particularly important.

1.2 These regulations apply to all students attending the University and to all staff and faculty members who operate or park a motor vehicle on the grounds of UConn Health. They also apply to all visitors, contractors, vendors, and employees of other agencies or private concerns as well as patients who have occasion to drive within the UConn Health campus.

1.3 UConn Health policy relating to motor vehicles applies to all vehicles required to be registered as such. All motor vehicle laws of the State of Connecticut must be observed and obeyed on campus.

2. Responsibility

2.1 Operating a vehicle on campus is deemed evidence of the vehicle operator's acceptance and understanding of UConn Health Parking and Vehicle Operation Regulations. Penalties for failure to adhere to these regulations can include fines, towing, immobilization of vehicle, and/or suspension or revocation of a UConn Health parking permit. Vehicle operators are responsible for obeying all posted traffic signs. Driving bicycles on sidewalks is not permitted.

2.2 These rules and regulations are in effect continuously throughout the calendar year, including academic breaks and summer months, and apply to any motor vehicle operated or parked at any time on UConn Health grounds. An acceptance of employment or registration at UConn Health constitutes an agreement to abide by these rules and regulations. It is the responsibility of all drivers to familiarize themselves with these rules and regulations. The use of a motor vehicle on UConn Health grounds is a privilege, not a right, and is available only under the conditions and rules governing that privilege at UConn Health.

2.3 During emergencies and other special situations (e.g., snowstorms, UConn Health events, road or building construction) regulations contained herein or otherwise posted may be suspended or otherwise modified. Temporary regulations and restrictions have the full force and effect of permanent regulations. A vehicle left unattended on UConn Health property during such emergency or special situations may be towed at the owner's expense if parked in violation of temporary or permanent regulations or if such vehicle impedes traffic flow or snow removal operations.

2.4 The owner of the vehicle is responsible, and will be held liable for any penalties assessed by UConn Health. **EXCEPTION:** Citations issued to state/government owned vehicles are the *sole* responsibility of the operator of the vehicle.

2.5 Liability

2.5.1 UConn Health does not assume responsibility for any motor vehicle operated or parked anywhere on UConn Health property or for its contents.

2.5.2 UConn Health does not assume responsibility for alleged or actual damage from causing a vehicle to be towed. (See Section 7).

3. Registration

3.1 General Provisions

3.1.1 All motor vehicles operated or parked on UConn Health property, by faculty, staff, students, vendors, or contractors are to be registered with the Parking Registration Office and each such vehicle must display its assigned parking permit at all times. Permits shall only apply to the vehicle(s) to which the permit is registered. Parking permits shall not be "shared" for the purposes of carpooling or other use.

3.1.2 Loss or theft of a parking permit should be reported promptly to the UConn Health Police Department.

3.1.3 Fraudulent registration, misrepresentation of the type of UConn Health affiliation or the display of a stolen or counterfeit decal constitutes grounds for disciplinary action and possible criminal prosecution. Such cases will be referred to the appropriate UConn Health authority and vehicle registration may be revoked or denied.

3.2 Replacement Permits

3.2.1 The sale or transfer of a registered vehicle and/or the acquisition of a different principal vehicle should be reported promptly to the Parking Registration Office.

4. Parking Permits (See the [Parking, Transportation and Event Services website](#) for more permit information)

4.1 General Information

4.1.1 All parking rules and regulations are in effect 24 hours a day, seven days a week at UConn Health.

4.1.2 The issuance of a parking permit (decal) does not guarantee the registrant a reserved space, but only an opportunity to park in specified areas.

4.1.3 Any vehicle parked on campus displaying an improperly obtained or counterfeit decal will be ticketed. See section 3.1.3.

4.1.4 Vehicles must be parked in assigned parking lots/garages with parking permits prominently displayed. Hangtag permits should be displayed on the rear view mirror of the vehicle, facing outward. Vehicles without permits may park only in areas designated for open parking.

4.1.5 Temporary hangtags are issued for various business purposes and they must be displayed when parking in assigned lots.

4.1.6 Lost hangtags must be replaced at the permit holders expense. The current replacement fee is \$15. Damaged hangtags will be replaced at no cost when the damaged tag or proof of damage to the permit holder's vehicle is presented.

4.1.7 The hangtag must be returned when parking on campus is no longer needed by the permit holder. Please return hangtags to: Police Department Administration, UConn Health, 263 Farmington Avenue, Farmington, CT 06030-8230.

4.2 Parking for Persons with Physical or Medical Exemptions

4.2.1 Those persons requesting special consideration must forward a letter, signed by their physician, to the Parking Registration Office for evaluation. Temporary medical parking will be provided for a period not to exceed sixty days. Any extension will require a DMV handicapped-parking permit, either temporary or permanent.

4.2.2 Any individual holding a DMV handicapped-parking permit must register their vehicles and state permit with the Parking Registration Office and will be charged according to the location in which they park.

4.2.3 UConn Health understands that individuals may have special or individualized needs that preclude their use of transit or parking facilities normally available to them and may request special access to such services

through the Parking Registration Office.

4.3 Visitors, Guests and Conference Groups

4.3.1 Special arrangements for guests of UConn Health are to be arranged in advance with the Parking Registration Office.

4.3.2 Parking for all conference groups is arranged through the Parking Registration Office.

5. Regulations

5.1 The maximum speed limit on Main Road and Circle Road is 25 mph. The speed limit is 20mph at East Road, West Road and the driveway at Middle Road. The maximum speed limit in parking lots is 10 mph.

5.2 General Requirements

5.2.1 The responsibility for finding a legal parking space rests with the motor vehicle operator. Lack of space in any lot or other parking area is not considered a valid excuse for violation of these regulations.

5.2.2 In all cases in which a motor vehicle is parked, the position shall be such that the whole of the vehicle is located within the boundaries of the parking space, if the space is so marked. The fact that other vehicles are parked improperly shall not constitute an excuse for improper parking.

5.2.3 Vehicles must be parked in a way that will not constitute a serious hazard or impede vehicular or pedestrian traffic movement, or the operation of emergency equipment.

5.2.4 Parking is not permitted in lot aisles or so as to block entrances or exits.

5.2.5 The fact that any vehicle is parked in violation of any regulation contained herein and does not receive a ticket does not mean that the regulation is no longer in effect.

5.3 Parking Time Limit

5.3.1 Parking of vehicles for longer than 24 hours in any parking space controlled by UConn Health is prohibited. Exceptions to this policy must be approved by the Chief of Police or his/her designee.

5.4 Loading Zones

5.4.1 Loading zones are restricted to the loading and unloading of materials and are limited to sixty (60) minutes twenty-four hours a day, unless otherwise posted. Four-way flashers must be left on to indicate loading. Notes left on vehicles will not be accepted.

Vehicles may not be parked in loading zones overnight or on weekends.

6. Parking Prohibitions

Parking fines range from \$25.00 to \$150.00.

6.6.1 Improper Display of permit, \$25.00.

6.6.2 Violation of posted sign, \$30.00.

6.6.3 Load zone violation, \$30.00.

6.6.4 Double parked/More than one space, \$30.00.

6.6.5 No University permit/decal, \$30.00.

6.6.6 No parking area, \$30.00.

6.6.7 Out of marked space, \$30.00.

6.6.8 In or blocking lot aisle/entrance, \$30.00.

6.6.9 In an unassigned area, \$30.00.

6.6.10 On a sidewalk, lawn, unpaved area, \$50.00.

6.6.11 Using a forged or altered permit, \$50.00.

6.6.12 In a bus stop, \$50.00.

6.6.13 Blocking entrance/exit to building, \$50.00.

6.6.14 In a fire lane, \$50.00.

6.6.15 Within 10 feet of a fire hydrant, \$50.00.

6.6.16 Parking permit revoked, \$50.00.

6.6.17 Parking in excess of 24 hours, \$50.00.

6.6.18 Parking in a reserved area. (\$50.00). The following areas are included in this category: patient parking, pay parking lots, East and West Dock. Patient parking includes the Hospital, clinic lots and where posted. Note: reserved parking designations are enforced on all business days, including the six minor holidays.

6.19 In a handicap space, \$150.00.

6.6.20 Misuse of handicap permit, \$150.00.

7. Towing /Booting

7.1 The University reserves the right to tow vehicles that present a traffic hazard or that impede the normal or emergency function of DPS.

7.2 Illegally parked vehicles may be towed without notice to the operator. Legally parked vehicles that must be removed because of emergencies or interference with UConn Health activities will be towed only after a reasonable effort has been made to locate the operator.

7.3 The responsibility for payment of all towing charges for vehicles towed by reason of illegal parking will be that of the owner.

7.4 Vehicles with delinquent (unpaid) parking fines are subject to being towed at the owner's expense or may have a boot placed on the vehicle to make it immobile until the fine is paid.

8. Penalties and Appeals

8.1 Tickets carry a fine of \$25.00, \$30.00, \$50.00 and \$150.00 (depending upon the violation) shall be paid within fourteen (14) days after the issuance of the citation. Fines not paid within fourteen will be increased by \$5.00. The appeal of a citation must be submitted within fourteen days of the issuance of the citation. An appeal will suspend the increase in fine penalties. Appeals may be submitted to the UConn Health Police Department Administrative Office. Appeal forms are available at the UConn Health Police Department Administrative Office or on the Public Safety website. Denied appeals must be paid within 14 days following the denial to avoid the increase of fines.