

Policy for Use of Other Power Driven Mobility Devices

Use of OPDMDs and EPAMDs in department facilities and sites:

Definition: Other Power Driven Mobility Device (OPDMD) is defined as any mobility device powered by batteries, fuel, or other engines – whether or not designed primarily for use by individuals with mobility disabilities – that is used by an individual with a mobility disability for the purpose of locomotion, including single operator golf carts (no passengers), electronic personal assistance mobility devices (EPAMDs), such as Segway PT, or any mobility device designed to operate in areas without defined pedestrian routes, but that is not a wheelchair within the meaning of this policy.

Definition: Electronic Personal Assistance Mobility Device (EPAMDs) is a device used by a person with a mobility impairment for ambulation. This definition does not include gasoline powered devices, golf cars, or riding lawn mowers.

Policy:

Coralville Parks and Recreation will allow persons with mobility impairments to use OPDMDs and EPAMDs in department facilities and sites subject to the following restrictions:

1. The operator of the device must be a person with a mobility impairment, and upon request by Department staff, shall produce proof of such within 72 hours to the department at the Coralville Recreation Center.
2. The device, if used in a facility or park, is allowed in any area of the facility or park in which the general public is allowed, with the exception of employee only spaces, stairways, and identified hazardous areas.
3. The device, if used in a facility, must be controlled by the operator. It
 - a. May not exceed 4 mph.
 - b. Shall be driven on the right side of the circulation route.
 - c. Is prohibited from carrying another person on the frame.
 - d. Is prohibited from carrying any object on the frame that may make the device less stable.
 - e. Must not be operated in a dangerous or reckless manner that jeopardizes the safety of the operator, department employees, or department participants.
 - f. Fuel powered devices that emit fumes such as gasoline, are not permitted inside facilities.
4. The device, if used in a park or outside, must be controlled by the operator. It:
 - a. May not be operated between dusk and dawn unless equipped with headlights that are visible at 300 feet.
 - b. May not exceed 6 mph.

- c. Must be no wider than 48 inches.
 - d. Shall not be driven into ecologically sensitive areas which are posted as such or be used in areas that are wet where the OPDMD will leave tracks.
 - e. Shall be driven on the right side of the circulation route.
 - f. Is prohibited from carrying another person on the frame.
 - g. Is prohibited from carrying any object on the frame that may also make a device less stable.
 - h. Must not be operated in a dangerous or reckless manner that jeopardizes operator safety, Department employees, Department participants or park and facility users.
5. The Department accepts no responsibility for storage of the device.
 6. The Department accepts no liability for damage to the device, or injury to the operator, whether caused by the operator, another visitor to the Department facility or site, or any other circumstance.
 7. The Department accepts no liability for damage caused by the operator of the device or injury to others caused by the operator of the device.
 8. The Department reserves the right to suspend the use of facilities or sites by the operator if doing so is in the best interests of the Department and its participants.
 9. The Department reserves the right to change, modify, or amend this policy at any time, as it would any other policy.