

**LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION'S
REGULATIONS CONCERNING USE OF
LEGISLATIVE GROUNDS AND PARKING
AREAS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO NRS 218F.520**

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**REGULATIONS OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION CONCERNING
USE OF LEGISLATIVE GROUNDS AND PARKING AREAS**

Unlawful acts relating to use of legislative grounds and parking areas; prohibited items relating to public assemblies or demonstrations; exceptions; required warnings under certain circumstances; advance notice and approval of use required under certain circumstances; posting of appropriate signage; enforcement and penalties; definitions; and other matters properly relating thereto.

1. A person shall not park or store a vehicle, bicycle or other item on any legislative grounds or in or on any legislative parking facility for more than 24 hours unless the person has obtained the approval of the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau or the Director's designee.

2. A person shall not park a vehicle on any legislative grounds or in or on any legislative parking facility in noncompliance with signage or painted surface markings or in a manner otherwise prohibited by law.

3. A person shall not use any part of any legislative grounds or legislative parking facility to:

(a) Skateboard, roller skate, scooter, bike or engage in any other recreational activity in any manner other than as transportation across the grounds or parking facility; or

(b) Skateboard, roller skate, scooter, bike or engage in any other recreational activity in a manner that is inconsistent with the purpose of the grounds or parking facility. The following uses, without limitation, shall be deemed to be uses that are inconsistent with the purpose of the grounds or parking facility:

(1) Using any part of the grounds or parking facility as a ramp or jump.

(2) Continuing to operate recreational equipment or devices in a manner that the Legislative Police have warned the person is unsafe to the operator or any other person or may cause damage or harm to the grounds or parking facility.

4. A person shall not engage in any illegal conduct in or on any part of any legislative grounds or in or on any legislative parking facility.

5. Except as otherwise provided in these regulations, if a person attends or participates in any public assembly or demonstration on any legislative grounds, the person shall not knowingly carry or possess any of the following items in, on or around any part of such legislative grounds, or within a perimeter extending to 25 feet from any part of such legislative grounds, while attending or participating in or going to or from the public assembly or demonstration:

(a) Any length of lumber, wood or wood lath, whether natural or synthetic, that reasonably could be used as a weapon, unless:

(1) If it is generally rectangular in shape, it does not exceed one-half inch in thickness and 2 inches in width or, if it is not generally rectangular in shape, it does not exceed 1 inch in its thickest dimension;

(2) It has ends that are flat or blunt without any edge or point that is sharpened; and

(3) It is used solely to support a sign, banner, flag, placard or similar item or for any other expressive display.

(b) Any length of pipe, conduit or other similar item, whether hollow or solid, that reasonably could be used as a weapon, unless it is a hollow plastic pipe that:

(1) Does not exceed three-quarters inch in its thickest dimension and one-eighth inch in wall thickness;

(2) Is not filled with any materials or substances;

(3) Has ends that are flat or blunt without any edge or point that is sharpened; and

(4) Is used solely to support a sign, banner, flag, placard or similar item or for any other expressive display.

(c) Any clubs, bats, batons, maces, blunt instruments, poles, sticks, staffs, scepters, wands, hoes, rakes, spades, shovels, landscaping tools, oars, paddles, water blades or other similar items of any length or size that reasonably could be used as a weapon, unless it is a miniature or made solely of cloth, cardboard, foam, paper, soft plastic or other soft materials or substances.

(d) Any knives, dirks, daggers, switchblades, machetes, sabers, swords, bayonets, arrows, darts, javelins, spears, polearms, halberds, tridents, pitchforks, sickles, scythes, axes, pickaxes, hatchets, ice picks, cleavers, meat, flesh or fish hooks, razor blades, box cutters, sharp tools or other sharpened or bladed items that reasonably could be used as a weapon, unless it is a folding knife with a blade that does not exceed 3 inches.

(e) Any nunchaku or trefoil as defined in NRS 202.350 or other martial arts weapons or any boomerangs, bolas, throwing hammers or other throwing weapons.

(f) Any blackjacks, slungshots, sandbags or metal, composite or wooden knuckles or other similar items that reasonably could be used as a weapon.

(g) Any chains exceeding 20 inches in length or one-quarter inch in diameter that reasonably could be used as a weapon or any chain whips, rope darts, flails, scourges, switches, whips or other similar items of any length or size that reasonably could be used as a weapon.

(h) Any electronic stun devices as defined in NRS 202.357 or other weapons using conducted or discharged electricity.

(i) Any pellet or BB guns, paintball guns or other pneumatic guns as defined in NRS 202.265.

(j) Any projectile launchers, bows, crossbows, catapults, slingshots, wrist rockets or other similar items, other than firearms, which are commonly used for the purpose of launching, hurling, propelling or throwing any objects, materials or substances, whether through human force, air pressure, spring action or any other force or mechanism, and which reasonably could be used as a weapon, unless it is a projectile launcher for T-shirts or other soft clothing, confetti or streamers made of paper or other soft materials or substances or edible food, candy or treats.

(k) Any explosive or incendiary device as defined in NRS 202.253.

(l) Any bottles, cans, containers or other similar items which contain any combustible or flammable aerosol, propellant, pressurized gas or other materials or substances that, if ignited or burned, reasonably could be used as a weapon or any mace, pepper spray, tear gas, animal repellent or other noxious materials or substances that, if dispensed or dispersed, reasonably could be used as a weapon, unless the maximum capacity of the item does not exceed one-half ounce and the person is not carrying or possessing more than two such items.

(m) Any ignitable or open or closed flame torches, lanterns, lamps or other similar items which contain or use any gasoline, kerosene, propane or other combustible or flammable materials or substances as fuel sources, unless it is:

- (1) A candle or contains or uses a candle as a fuel source; or
 - (2) A handheld lighter with a maximum capacity that does not exceed one-half ounce and the person is not carrying or possessing more than two such lighters.
 - (n) Any bottles, cans, containers, bags, balloons or other similar items which are filled with any combustible, flammable, hazardous, biohazardous, toxic or noxious materials or substances that, if ignited, burned, dispensed or dispersed, would be irritating, nauseating, sickening, injurious, dangerous or deadly or that reasonably could be used as a weapon.
 - (o) Any bottles, cans, containers or other similar items made of metal, glass, wood, hard plastic or other hard materials or substances, whether empty or filled, that reasonably could be used as a weapon or any bricks, rocks, stones, asphalt, concrete, hardballs, marbles, ball bearings, pellets or other similar items that reasonably could be used as a weapon.
 - (p) Any shields, defensive barriers or other similar items made of metal, glass, wood, hard plastic or other hard materials or substances.
 - (q) Any other items that are dangerous or deadly weapons under state law other than firearms.
 - (r) Any toy, replica, fake or prop firearms, unless it is florescent-colored or transparent.
6. The provisions of subsection 5 do not prohibit a person from carrying, possessing or using any cane, walker or other device necessary for assisting with, improving or providing mobility so that the person may attend or participate in any public assembly or demonstration on any legislative grounds.
7. A warning must be given before enforcement of the provisions of subsection 5, except under exigent circumstances or when such a warning would not be reasonably feasible under other circumstances. For the purposes of this subsection, such a warning shall be deemed sufficient if provided by:
- (a) Oral communication or distribution of written materials to a person in, on or around the legislative grounds;
 - (b) Amplified announcement in, on or around the legislative grounds; or
 - (c) Signs posted in, on or around the legislative grounds.
8. The provisions of these regulations do not prohibit any legislative police officers or other state or local peace officers, first responders or public safety officers, when acting in their official capacity, from engaging in any authorized conduct within the course and scope of their official powers and duties.
9. Subject to the provisions of these regulations, the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau shall:
- (a) Schedule and approve the public use of outdoor sites on any legislative grounds for any meetings, public hearings, special events, commemorative or celebratory occasions and public assemblies or demonstrations; and
 - (b) Approve requests for use of any legislative parking facility.
10. Advance notice and approval of the use of any legislative grounds or legislative parking facility is required for all extraordinary uses to enable the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau to provide proper planning, coordination and security. Ordinary use of the grounds or parking facility does not require approval. The following uses, without limitation, shall be deemed extraordinary uses for which approval of the Director is required:
- (a) Parking or storing a vehicle, bicycle or other item on any legislative grounds or in or on any legislative parking facility for more than 24 hours.
 - (b) Overnight use of any legislative grounds or sleeping on the grounds at any time.

- (c) Events that involve moving vehicles or equipment onto any legislative grounds.
- (d) Events intended to be any public assembly or demonstration or other public gathering or events to which the general public has been invited.

11. A person shall not live on any legislative grounds or in or on any legislative parking facility or panhandle on any legislative grounds or in or on any legislative parking facility.

12. The Legislative Police shall post appropriate signage in, on or around any legislative grounds or legislative parking facility to provide notice regarding the provisions of these regulations.

13. A violation of any provisions of these regulations is a misdemeanor pursuant to NRS 218F.520. The Legislative Police shall enforce the provisions of these regulations by all lawful means deemed available and appropriate by the Chief of the Legislative Police and the Director of the Legislative Counsel Bureau, including, without limitation, through the issuance of a citation for a violation of any provisions of these regulations.

14. Appropriate signage in, on or around any legislative parking facility must be posted before booting the wheel of a vehicle or using any other method of temporarily disabling a vehicle or towing or causing the towing of a vehicle that is improperly parked or stored in the parking facility in violation of any provisions of these regulations.

15. As used in these regulations:

(a) “Bicycle” means a device propelled by human power upon which a person may ride, having two tandem wheels either of which is over 14 inches in diameter, or every such device generally recognized as a bicycle though equipped with two front or two rear wheels except a moped.

(b) “Legislative grounds” means property within the supervision and control of the Legislature pursuant to subsection 1 of NRS 331.135.

(c) “Legislative parking facility” means any temporary or permanent space, area, lot, surface, deck, structure or other facility or grounds intended or used for parking, whether improved or unimproved, within the supervision and control of the Legislature.

(d) “Public assembly or demonstration” means any public assembly, demonstration, forum, convention, campaign, rally, march, procession, protest, picket, sit-in, sit-down, strike, stoppage, walkout or other similar public gathering that is intended to:

(1) Address, highlight, spotlight, discuss, debate, advance, support, deter or oppose any cause, policy, politics, viewpoint, decision, indecision, action, inaction, event, incident, occurrence, person, organization or entity that is a matter of public concern;

(2) Inform or instruct governmental officials or representatives; or

(3) Petition the government for redress of grievances.

(e) “Roller skate” means a tandem or in-line set of wheels mounted on a frame that can be fitted to the sole of a shoe or a shoe mounted on a tandem or in-line set of wheels.

(f) “Scooter” means a tandem or in-line set of wheels mounted on a board or frame with a steering handle that is not propelled by a motor.

(g) “Skateboard” means a tandem or in-line set of wheels mounted on a board.

(h) “Vehicle” means every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a highway, except:

(1) Devices moved by human power; and

(2) Electric personal assistive mobility devices as defined in NRS 482.029.

