

## Bicycles in University Buildings Policy

**Applicable Legislation:** *Ontario Fire Code (O.Reg 388/97)*

### **Intent:**

To promote awareness for unobstructed egress from University buildings in the event of fire emergency evacuations, and to prohibit bicycle storage inside of buildings.

### **Requirements of the Ontario Fire Code, Subsection 2.7.1.7(1)**

*Access to exits, including corridors used by the public and exits, including outside areas, shall be maintained free of obstructions.*

### **Policy:**

1. Bicycles shall not be stored inside University buildings unless the storage space is specifically designed for such purpose.
2. Building and facility management personnel shall enforce this policy for life safety and property protection reasons.

### **Guidelines:**

Bicycles are not to be brought inside University buildings and stored in corridors, stairwells, or personal offices as tires track in dirt and the fabric of the structures inevitably gets damaged (scratched or punctured walls, oil and grease on floors and carpets etc.). Outside bicycle racks shall be provided. Unobstructed egress from University buildings is essential for safe emergency evacuations.

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