

**Chapter 200-260 WAC**  
**SKATING AND SKATEBOARDING ON THE STATE CAPITOL GROUNDS**

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**WAC 200-260-100 Definitions.** (1) "Skating" refers to roller-blades, in-line skates and roller skates.

(2) "Rollerblades/in-line skates" are defined as skates having rollers or wheels that are in line, generally consisting of four wheels.

(3) "Roller skates" are generally defined as skates having four wheels, dual wheels in front and dual wheels in the rear.

(4) "Hours of darkness" is defined as the hours between sunset and sunrise.

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**WAC 200-260-101 "Skateboard" defined.** "Skateboard" as used herein shall mean an oblong board with roller skate wheels or other similar wheels mounted under it at each end.

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**WAC 200-260-102 "Skateboarding" defined.** "Skateboarding" as used herein shall mean any person who stands with one or both feet touching a skateboard and/or who does handstands with one or both hands touching a skateboard and/or who crouches, sits, or lies upon a skateboard while it is in motion. "Skateboarding" also shall mean skateboard riding.

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**WAC 200-260-160 Intent of the director.** It is the intent of the director in adopting these skateboard regulations to acknowledge the dangerous impact that skateboarding on the capitol campus has to the

health and safety of state employees, visitors, skateboarders, and the general public and the destructive impact it has on physical structures, roadways, and pathways on the capitol campus.

The following are some of the reasons why skateboarding on the capitol campus must be controlled:

(1) During recent years, the use of skateboards has increased dramatically. As a result, the department has been contacted by numerous employees and citizens complaining about the dangerous and destructive practices of skateboarders on the capitol campus grounds.

(2) Many skateboarders ride their boards in high volume areas and thus threaten the safety of pedestrians, motorists, and the skateboarders themselves.

(3) The director finds that skateboarding in such high volume or crowded areas, even if done in a nonnegligent manner, is incompatible with pedestrian use of these areas, due mainly to the speed and maneuverability of skateboards.

(4) Skateboard riders have ridden their boards down entrance and exit ramps of state underground parking facilities, sometimes against traffic, placing the skateboarders in serious danger and placing the motorists in a position of liability and possible harm. Skateboarders also have ridden their boards near doorways, nearly hitting pedestrians. In addition, skateboarders have ridden into state buildings jeopardizing occupants, and have ridden on walls, curbs, partitions, ramps, or other vertical and irregular physical surfaces, causing damage to state facilities and surfaces.

(5) The director finds that skateboarding in roadways and parking facilities and parking ramps creates a danger to the skateboard rider and to the motorist and is incompatible with motor vehicle use in such areas.

(6) The director finds that these skateboard regulations are necessary in order to avoid property loss, personal injury, and liability exposure associated with the use of skateboards on state property and within state facilities.

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**WAC 200-260-175 Skateboarding prohibited.** Skateboarding is prohibited on the state capitol grounds including, but not limited to, the streets, sidewalks, walkways, walls, raised structural elevations, east capitol campus plaza, parking structures, lots and ramps, other paved surfaces of the state capitol grounds and any other structure or part thereof.

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**WAC 200-260-180 Violation—Penalty.** Violation of any of the provisions contained in WAC 200-200-160, 200-200-170, 200-200-171, or 200-200-175 shall constitute a traffic infraction which is subject to the jurisdiction of the Thurston County district court. Violators shall be ticketed by the Washington state patrol. The fine for violating any of these skateboarding regulations shall be twenty-five dollars.

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**WAC 200-260-190 Skating prohibited.** Skating is only permitted on the state capitol grounds on streets and sidewalks as long as the skating activity does not interfere in any manner with efforts to conduct state business or pedestrian and vehicle traffic. Skating, as defined in WAC 200-200-18005, is specifically prohibited on stairs, curbs, walls, raised structural elevations, monuments, parking garages, ramps, railings and any structure or part thereof.

Skating activities taking place during the hours of darkness require the skater to wear reflective-type clothing.

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**WAC 200-260-200 Violation—Penalty.** Violation of WAC 200-200-18003 shall constitute a traffic infraction which is subject to the jurisdiction of Thurston County district court. Violations shall be ticketed by the Washington state patrol. The fine for violating WAC 200-200-18003 shall be twenty-five dollars.

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