



WOMEN UNIVERSITY

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POLICY – PEDESTRIAN PATHWAYS & SAFETY

1. Introduction

Due to the approaching traffic trends on roadsides, pedestrian rights are becoming increasingly necessary for allowing freedom of travel. Approximately 3,500 students and staff members attend the Women University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (WUJ&K) Bagh daily. They walk along the roadside on paths designated for their safety to prevent accidents or injuries. Furthermore, special care is being taken for the students due to the university's location. At the WUJ&K, students, and employees with physical disabilities are greatly considered for safety.

2. Scope

A vital purpose of this policy is to explain how to develop an action plan for pedestrian safety that specifically addresses the needs of staff and students with disabilities. For example, a person with a physical disability requires gentle encouragement and assistance to avoid resentment and build confidence. Hence, they can lead better life with better employment and education.

3. Policy Guidelines

The following guidelines are issued for all the relevant departments and students:

- a. When constructing and expanding the new building, the routes must be planned for the convenience of the staff, students, teachers, and other university stakeholders.
- b. To facilitate the movement of disabled personnel, old buildings must be modified and appropriate pathways designed and constructed.
- c. Parking spaces with red wheelchair icons will be available close to the main building and designated with a red wheelchair icon.
- d. It is not permissible for anyone else to park a car, vehicle, or motorcycle in the wheelchair parking area. A heavy fine will be imposed on those who violate the law.

- e. To prevent accidents caused by wheelchair falls, accessible routes must be equipped with adequate lighting and safety grills.
- f. There is a right of way for wheelchair users against all automobiles and pedestrians.
- g. Everyone on the ground should assist people with disabilities.
- h. All departments must ensure smooth and safe wheelchair movement daily, and supervisors or department chairpersons must note the cell phone numbers of wheelchair users.
- i. The pathways and ramps should be covered with rubber mats to prevent the wheelchair from slipping or sliding.
- j. To update records and implement the required arrangements well before the semester start date, the security department of WUAJ&K must receive all information about the disabled student at the time of enrolment.
- k. All new construction at the university must include paths to meet the needs of disabled persons.

4. Report on Violation

Every WUAJ&K community member has an implicit duty to report any incident that suggests a possible violation of policy to the appropriate authorities in good faith and without fear.

5. Revision of Policy

Revisions to these policies will be made as and when necessary.