

Campus Parking Services

Towing/Immobilization Impoundment Policy

The Doane Safety Office may impound by towing or immobilizing any vehicle deemed a common nuisance. A vehicle is also subject to impoundment without notice under the following conditions:

- A. Any vehicle that receives more than 6 citations within a semester will be deemed a nuisance vehicle, and may be subject to impoundment.
- B. Any vehicle that receives more than 1 citation within a semester for parking in an RA/RD space will be deemed a nuisance vehicle, and may be subject to impoundment.
- C. If the vehicle is improperly parked so as to interfere with or impede
 1. the flow of vehicular or pedestrian traffic;
 2. the use of parking facilities, buildings, loading docks, or dumpsters;
 3. the operation of emergency equipment (e.g., fire lane);
 4. or the provision of services, public safety, or essential repairs.
- D. If an unauthorized vehicle is parked in or blocks the use of a reserved stall (e.g., handicapped, administrative, etc.).
- E. If a vehicle is parked on any surface not specifically marked for the legal operation of a motor vehicle (e.g., lawns, grass, sidewalks, vacant lots).
- F. Any vehicle displaying a counterfeit, stolen, altered, transferred, or otherwise fraudulent parking permit; or a permit issued due to false information given on the permit application.
- G. If the vehicle is parked in any area marked "Tow-away Zone," etc.
- H. If a vehicle is removed from impoundment without official release from the Doane Safety Office.
- I. If a vehicle is parked on Doane College property, is not in operating condition, and has not notified the Doane Safety Office.
- J. Any vehicle(s) that is parked on campus in violation that is currently banned from campus will be impounded by tow.

Vehicles Impounded by Tow

Impounded vehicles will be towed by a bonded wrecker service or immobilized by the Doane Safety Office. The cost of impoundment will constitute a lien against the vehicle, with the owner/operator being liable for costs of towing and storage or release from immobilization devices. Impoundment charges must be paid directly to the impoundment company for vehicles that have been towed.

This citation may be appealed. If the appeal is upheld, a full refund of the appealed citation will be made. However, if the vehicle is impounded for prior unpaid citations, the tow fee will not be refunded. If a citation has been turned over to the Business Office, the total amount owed by the individual to that office will be due and payable. Owner/operators of vehicles towed and impounded may appeal the impoundment within 5 business days of the impoundment.

Vehicles towed by Doane College are towed by Skala's Towing, Crist's Towing, or Siedhoff's towing. Contact information for all three companies is provided on the Safety Office website.

Vehicle Impoundment by Wheel Lock

Vehicles may be immobilized by the Doane Safety Office. Note: The Doane Safety Office may not use wheel locks during periods of inclement weather.

Wheel locks can be used at any time to impound vehicles for prior unpaid citations.

All immobilized vehicles that have not been released within 24 hours of application of wheel lock will be towed at owner's expense. Penalties and/or fees will be assessed to the student's account including any citation for violation at the time the vehicle is immobilized, the immobilization charges, and the tow charges.

All vehicles immobilized with a wheel lock shall have a (1) notice affixed to the driver's side window. This notice shall indicate the procedure necessary to release the vehicle from impoundment.

This citation may be appealed within 5 business days of citation issue date. If the appeal is upheld, a full refund of the appealed citation will be made. However, if the vehicle is immobilized for prior unpaid citations, the immobilization fee will not be refunded.

Attempts to remove the wheel lock that result in damage to the wheel lock will result in appropriate fees being placed on the student's account for the cost of replacement.

Doane College is not responsible for damage to vehicles associated with the placement of the wheel lock on an impounded vehicle.