

BIKE SHARE RENTAL AGREEMENT
UC Bike Kitchen - Last Updated 1/16/2025

I. TERMS OF RENTAL

Bearcat Bike Share Bikes can be rented by University of Cincinnati students, staff and faculty for up to **seven (7) days**. Bikes must be returned or renewed by the end of day seven. If a user is unable to return the bike during the Bike Kitchen's operating hours, they are required to properly lock the bike to the racks outside of the Bike Kitchen or underneath the Dabney Hall breezeway, and place to lock's key in the drop box next to the west door of the Bike Kitchen.

If a bicycle is not returned within seven (7) days, it is considered late and a ban will be placed on the student's account. During this ban, students will be unable to rent bicycles from the UC Bike Kitchen. Bans are set from the date the bicycle is returned and last twice as long as the item was late.

It is the user's responsibility to ensure bikes are returned or renewed on time. The user may not appointment another party to return the bike for them without first seeking permission from the UC Bike Kitchen. Bikes returned by a party other than the user without prior consent will be turned away, even if this results in the bike becoming overdue.

There is no maximum number of times a bike may be renewed. However, in the event that the number of interested riders exceeds the capacity of the rental fleet, a waitlist will be implemented. If this waitlist is active at the time the user wishes to renew, they must return the bike and enter themselves onto the waitlist.

II. BROKEN PARTS, MISUSE, AND NEGLECT

In the event that a part on the bike is broken and the student is deemed to be misusing the bike, the student will be issued a ban and/or a fine to replace the part. Misusing a bike is defined as A) Riding a Bike Share bike anywhere that is not a paved street or sidewalk, i.e. dirt trails. B) Attempting to repair or remove any parts from a Bike Share bike. C) Endangering the bike by leaving it improperly locked/unlocked or jumping the bike off ramps/curbs. A bike must be locked with the provided U-Lock through the frame to a bike parking station. If one is not available, the bike must then be locked in this same manner to something secure and metal, in a location that is not obstructing right of ways or handrail access.

In the event that a bike goes missing, the user must report to the Bike Kitchen **as soon as possible**. Failure to report missing bikes will result in more severe penalties (see section IV).

III. RELEASE OF LIABILITY

I recognize that there are inherent risks associated with riding bicycles in and around campus and I assume full responsibility for injury to myself and others.

IV. BANNING FROM THE SYSTEM

If these terms are violated, the Bike Kitchen staff reserve the right to ban a user from the system for a period time of their discretion. A user can be banned for any reason when the Bike Kitchen staff deem it necessary.

If a bike is taken off-campus and the bike goes missing, the user will be banned for the remainder of the current semester. If this occurs late into a semester, the ban can extend to cover the full following semester at the discretion of the Bike Kitchen staff. Failure to report a stolen bike off-campus will result in a user's **permanent ban** from Bike Share.

V. ACCEPTING THESE TERMS

By renting a Bike Share bike and entering my information into the system, I hereby agree to the above terms and conditions.