

Skate Classes & Camps

Want to learn to skate or improve your skills? Learn from the best!

PORTLAND PARKS & RECREATION SKATEBOARD PROGRAM

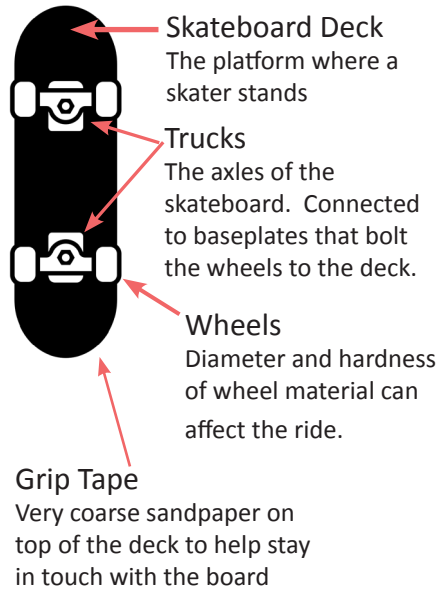
What: Programs boosting confidence and abilities while encouraging critical thinking and skatepark etiquette.
Offers: Citywide year-round skate classes and clinics; private coaching
PortlandOregon.gov/parks/50045



SKATE LIKE A GIRL PDX
What: Non-profit organization empowering women and girls through skateboarding and creating an inclusive skateboarding community.
Offers: Monthly clinics, private lessons, school-based programs and summer camps.
SkateLikeAGirlPDX.com

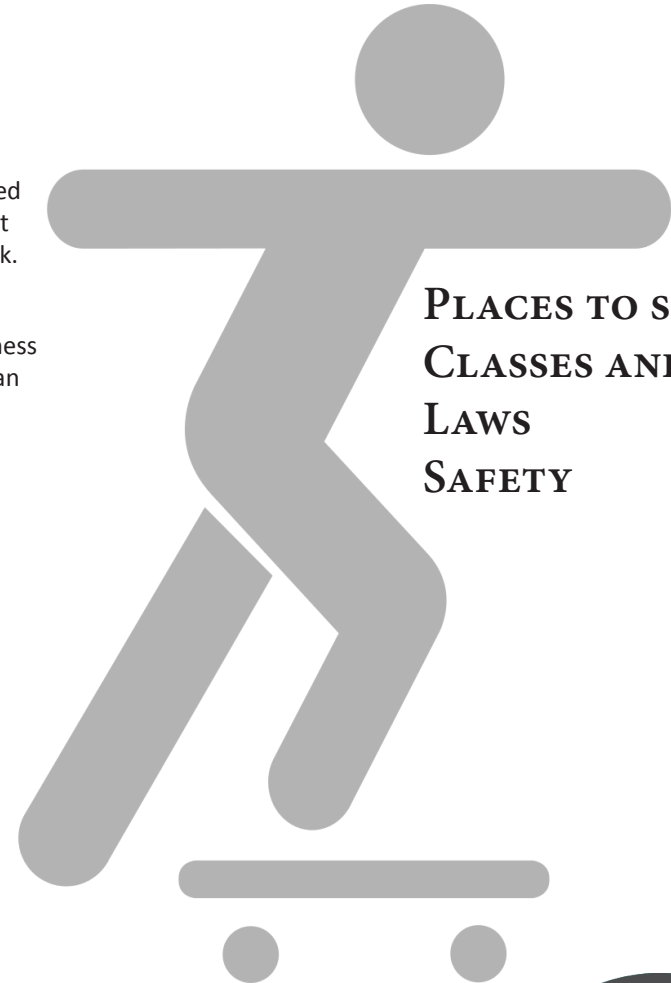
COMMONWEALTH SKATEBOARDING
What: For-profit indoor concrete skatepark and board shop in inner SE Portland.
Offers: Year-round skate classes and clinics, kids-only skate sessions, free monthly Skate Like a Girl clinics.
cwskate.com

Basic Terminology for non-skating parents and guardians



Find more info online at saferoutesportland.org.

Skateboarding in Portland



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Good things to know

SKATEBOARDING IS LEGAL

In 2000, Portland City Council enacted City Code Section 16.70.410, making it legal to skateboard on most city streets. Before then, skateboarders could be fined \$2500 for skating on streets. Skateboarders now have a legal status similar to bicyclists.

HELMET LAWS

All skateboarders under age 16 are required to wear a helmet. Failure to do so can result in a \$25 fine. Find resources for low-cost helmets at saferoutesportland.org.

TRAFFIC LAWS

Traffic laws apply to skateboarders just as they do to bicyclists. Stay in your lane, obey the speed limit, don't pass cars or skate recklessly, stop at stop signs and red lights, and always yield to pedestrians.

SKATING AT NIGHT

Skateboarders, just like people on bikes, are required to wear a white light in front that's visible from at least 500 feet, and a red light or reflector in back visible from at least 600 feet when hit by headlights. Contact us at Safe Routes if your student needs lights.

SKATING IN DOWNTOWN

Downtown sidewalks are for pedestrians. Skateboarders may use most streets, but should stay off sidewalks in the downtown core. **Sidewalk skating outside the prohibited area is fine, just yield to people walking. See a map of prohibited skating areas online at saferoutesportland.org.



Safety for younger riders

WEAR PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- All young skaters should wear properly fitted skateboard or multi-sport helmets
- Knee and elbow pads can encourage proper falling techniques
- Wrist guards can minimize wrist injuries



STAY ALERT

- When riding on sidewalks or in the street, skateboarders should know to look for cars exiting driveways and parking lots, and when crossing intersections.

BE RESPECTFUL

- Skateboarding can be noisy. Be considerate when skating in residential neighborhoods, and avoid yelling and sliding near homes. Slow down when passing pedestrians on the sidewalk.

