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Towing of vehicles parked in violation of traffic safety regulations

Dear members of staff,

Vehicles parked in areas not designated or intended for that purpose can seriously jeopardize on-campus safety. In particular, vehicles parked on emergency access routes or on fire service staging areas obstruct the approach of emergency services attending a fire incident, costing them valuable time and potentially endangering life. Cars that block pavements, footpaths and cycle lanes on campus will also not be tolerated as they endanger pedestrians and other road users.

To ensure that emergency access and rescue routes are kept clear, and that traffic can flow freely in other parts of the campus, the University Board sees no other option than to authorize the towing of illegally parked vehicles. Note that vehicles will be towed at the vehicle owner's expense. Towing charges are currently around €270 per vehicle. Please understand that this decision has been taken to maintain safety on campus and that there is no viable alternative.

We would therefore ask you to park only in designated parking areas and to make particular use of the university car parks, even when this might mean having to walk a short distance to your workplace. Saarland University has an agreement with the local public transport operator that allows you to use the buses free of charge within the campus area.

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Before a vehicle is towed away, the Card Issuing Office will endeavour to contact the vehicle owner so that the vehicle can be moved to a designated parking area. Please make sure that your contact information and vehicle licence plate details held by the Card Issuing Office are up to date.

If you find that your vehicle has been towed, please contact the university's Fault Reporting Centre (Tel. 2242) to find out which towing service you need to contact in order to collect your vehicle.

Please help to ensure that on-campus safety is not compromised and that the crucial work of the emergency services is not hindered by illegally and carelessly parked vehicles.

Many thanks and best regards

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Further information is available on the <u>Parking on campus</u> web page and on the <u>Card Issuing Office</u> contact page.