How to Reduce the risk of Injury on a Skateboard:

- Always wear safety gear. At the very least, wear closed-toe shoes and long pants!

- Give your board a safety check before you ride it. The moisture in the air can cause wheels to seize and trucks to rust.

- Be vigilant and watch the road. Patches of sidewalk at UCSB are uneven and bumpy. Debris from trees and bushes can also create safety hazards for skaters.

- If it gets crowded walk your board. Large crowds are unpredictable and pedestrians may be unaware of your presence when it is noisy.

- Communicate with other skaters and pedestrians to avoid collision.

- UCSB can be a crowded and distracting environment to skate in. Before you skate on campus you should be well-practiced and comfortable in your abilities as a skater!
Skateboarding is an increasingly popular means of conveyance. However, the increased numbers of skateboarders on campus also creates safety concerns. It is important to realize that there are rules and regulations governing skateboarding around UCSB. These rules are designed to prevent injury to students, faculty and staff, as well as damage to university property. Working together to safely skateboard will reduce injury while ensuring skateboarding remains a legal means of transportation at UCSB.

The official university policy on skateboarding and roller skating is as follows:

- Skateboards and roller skates are permitted only on open walkways.

- Skateboards and roller skates may be carried but not ridden into campus buildings.

- Always exercise extreme caution when traveling on campus via skateboard or roller skates.

- Skateboarders and roller skaters may not be towed by bicycles or other vehicles.

- Skateboarding and roller skating are prohibited while under the influence of an alcoholic beverage and/or other mobility impairing drugs.

- Wearing headphones while skateboarding and roller skating is prohibited.

- Should an accident occur involving either skateboard or roller skates, the parties are to exchange information and report the incident to the University Police Department!

To read the full text of this and other UCSB policies visit: www.policies.ucsb.edu

Know the Rules!

According to California Vehicle Code 21113 (f) the University of California may “adopt rules or regulations to restrict, or specify the conditions for, the use of... skateboards, and roller skates.” These provisions exist to protect both skaters and pedestrians from injury. Skateboarding in an unsafe manner can and does cause injury on campus! Therefore, failure to adhere to the rules and regulations may result in citation. So, what can you do to avoid injury and being cited? Be aware of your surroundings at all times and exercise caution. Several buildings, like Arts, have posted no skateboarding signs and surface markings, obey the posted signs. As a skateboarder or roller skater you are considered a pedestrian, the bike path is only to be used by cyclists. Furthermore, persons riding skateboards or roller skates must not attach themselves to a bicycle or other vehicle. Trick skateboarding (i.e. striking a skateboard in an Ollie, kickflip or grind on the side of buildings, benches, concrete planters, monuments, etc.) is expressly prohibited. Follow these guidelines and university policy on skateboarding to reduce the risk of citation and injury!