

Hoverboard Safety



Hoverboard — part toy, part transportation. These self-balancing scooters have quickly become the latest fad. However, many hoverboards have been linked to fires. NFPA urges you to be fire safe when using these devices.

IF YOU PURCHASE A HOVERBOARD

- »» Choose a device with the seal of an independent testing laboratory.
- »» Read and follow all manufacturer directions. If you do not understand the directions, ask for help.
- »» An adult should be responsible for charging the hoverboard.
- »» Do not leave a charging hoverboard unattended.
- »» Never leave the hoverboard plugged in overnight.
- »» Only use the charging cord that came with the hoverboard.
- »» Stop using your hoverboard if it overheats.
- »» Extreme hot or cold temperature can hurt the battery.

NEW TO MARKET

Hoverboards are fairly new to the mass market. Be on the lookout for updates from manufacturers and safety groups.

Signs of a Problem

Some hoverboard fires have involved the Lithium-Ion battery or charger. Signs you could have a problem:

- Leaking fluids
- Excessive heat
- Odor
- Sparking
- Smoke

If you notice any of these signs, stop using the device right away. Call **9-1-1**. If safe to do so, move the hoverboard outside away from anything that can burn.

Travel Notes

- **Many airlines have banned hoverboards. If you plan to fly with a hoverboard, be sure to check with your air carrier.**
- **When riding in a car, keep the hoverboard where you can see it in case it shows signs of a problem.**



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