

# 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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