



# TOWNSHIP OF MAHWAH FIRE PREVENTION BUREAU

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## NFPA: 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



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- 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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For more information: [\*\*U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission\*\*](#)

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