



# SAFETY NOTICE

Environmental Health & Safety

January 2016

## Hoverboard Restriction

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To: All Students, Faculty & Staff

In light of recent reports of fires and the potential for other serious injuries, hoverboards, including self-balancing scooters, battery-operated scooters and hands-free segways, are prohibited in all University buildings, including residence halls. As such, hoverboards may not be charged, used or stored in any building. Hoverboards have been linked to fires in at least 17 states. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is investigating the cause of fires and risks. Additionally, the National Fire Protection Association and the NYS Office of Fire Prevention have issued safety alerts and warnings.

Stony Brook joins universities across the country in implementing this ban. We will continue to monitor the investigation, regulations and changes in industry standards regarding hoverboards. This action will remain in effect until such time that the University receives a clearer understanding of the problems, risks and solutions to effectively safeguard members of our campus community. All students, faculty, staff, vendors, volunteers, and visitors are expected to comply with this action. University leaders, supervisors, and building managers are expected to inform/promote compliance in their area(s) of responsibility. Individuals found in possession of hoverboards in University buildings will be asked to remove them.

Inquiries: For information related to this policy, one of the following offices may be contacted:

Environmental Health and Safety  
110 Suffolk Hall  
Stony Brook, NY 11794-6200  
(631) 632-6410

Division of Campus Residences  
100 Circle Road  
Stony Brook, NY 11794-4444  
(631) 632-6750

Office of the Dean of Students  
222 Student Activities Center  
Stony Brook, NY 11794-2800  
(631) 632-7320



## Hoverboard Safety

### National Fire Protection Association Issues Fire Safety Tips

- 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 hover board.
- Do not leave a charging hover board unattended.
- Never leave the hover board plugged in overnight.
- Only use the charging cord that came with the hover board.
- Stop using your hover board if it overheats.
- Extreme hot or cold temperature can hurt the battery.
- Be on the lookout for product updates from manufacturers and safety groups.
- Many airlines have banned hover boards. If you plan to fly with a hover board, be sure to check with your air carrier.
- When riding in a car, keep the hover board where you can see it in case it shows signs of a problem.



### Signs of a Problem

Some hover board fires have involved the Lithium-ion battery or charger.

Signs you could have a problem:

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

### For Your Safety

- Never use hoverboards indoors.
- Do not ride near vehicular traffic.
- Respectfully use hoverboards when near other people.
- Wear safety gear when using a hoverboard for protection from falls:
  - helmet
  - knee and elbow pads
  - wrist guards

In case of an Emergency Call University Police X-333 (631) 632-3333

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