

Temporary ban on hoverboards on AUM campus

Due to safety concerns associated with hoverboards that have been raised by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) and the potential impact to the safety of our community, effective immediately Auburn University at Montgomery is instituting a temporary ban on these devices.

Until further notice the use of self-balancing devices inside of university facilities is banned, and charging of these devices is prohibited in all university facilities (owned or leased). This action is being taken as part of the university's efforts to maintain a safe campus through a comprehensive fire prevention program. Restrictions will remain in place until safety concerns are resolved.

Several agencies are investigating fires and injuries related to these devices. This link provides information from the CPSC:

<http://www.cpsc.gov/en/About-CPSC/Chairman/Kaye-Biography/Chairman-Kayes-Statements/Statements/Statement-from-the-US-CPSC-Chairman-Elliot-F-Kaye-on-the-safety-of-hoverboards/>.

Individuals who are traveling to or from campus via air travel are encouraged to review their airline's policy regarding hoverboards as most/all major airlines do not allow the devices on their planes. Taking a few minutes to check with your airline prior to travel might save time and inconvenience while traveling to Auburn University at Montgomery.

Remember that campus safety is a community responsibility. Please be aware of potential hazards and be mindful of others by not introducing potential hazards to the community. The flyer below provides safety tips and precautions from the NFPA.

Thank you for your cooperation,

AUM Risk Management & Safety



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

IF YOU PURCHASE A HOVER BOARD

- » 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.

NEW TO MARKET

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

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

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

Travel Notes

- 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.



Your Source for SAFETY Information

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