



University of New Haven

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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Hoverboard Policy

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Introduction:

Scope

The University of New Haven strives to provide a campus safe from potential hazards created by fire, explosions and other hazardous conditions and comply with all applicable codes. Due to the recent events surrounding Hoverboards catching fire, and individuals being injured while riding, the University of New Haven will ban these products on campus.

Policy Statement

Effective January 1st 2016, Self-balancing scooters, more popularly known as hoverboards will not be allowed to be charged, operated, or stored inside of any building or on a property owned or controlled by the University of New Haven. This policy is intended to minimize the risk associated with hoverboards overheating, catching fire, or exploding while charging or riding.

Reason for the Policy

This decision is due to the number of fires and explosions that have occurred globally from faulty lithium batteries and wiring. An exploding two-wheeler [caused a major house fire in Louisiana](#) a few weeks ago; [another scooter](#) combusted in the same state in the past week. The perceived danger is significant enough that most airlines and airports have banned these self-balancing scooters/hoverboards altogether.

Definitions

- (a) Hoverboards- Lithium-Ion powered personal self-balancing boards, self-balancing scooters, electric skateboards, or drifting boards.

Supporting Documents

The [United States Consumer Product Safety Commission \(CPSC\)](#) has begun an investigation into the safety of hoverboards after several reported fires. These fires have occurred while recharging and other fires have occurred while people were riding them. Plugged in or not, the big problem has to do with the quality of the rechargeable lithium-ion batteries.

The [National Association of Fire Marshals](#) has issued a warning about the popular hoverboards after several incidences of the scooter catching fire.

[Connecticut General Statute 29-306, Abatement of Fire Hazards](#)

[Connecticut Fire Prevention Code](#) : (Amd) 10.1.1 Every new and existing building or structure shall be constructed, arranged, equipped, maintained and operated in accordance with the SBC, CFSC and this code so as to provide a reasonable level of life safety, property protection and public welfare from the actual and potential hazards created by fire, explosion and other hazardous conditions.

National Fire Protection Association [Hoverboard Safety Guidelines](#)

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