



# Chatham Borough Police Department

## Traffic Safety Unit



Over the recent holiday season, many residents have received the new Hoverboards as gifts. Keep in mind that these modes of transportation are treated the same as a bicycle and scooter following all safety rules and rules of the road as guided by Title 39 of the NJ Motor Vehicle Code. Additionally Hoverboards will require the use of a helmet.

Here are additional safety guidelines provided by the National Fire Protection Administration in regards to Hoverboards.



## 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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