

Environmental Health and Safety
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I. Purpose

To eliminate the risk of fire or injury at UNT Health, the use, possession, or storage of self-balancing, battery powered boards known as hoverboards is not permitted on campus.

II. Scope

This policy applies to the use, possession, or storage of a hoverboard on UNT Health property by any student, patient, guest employee, or visitor.

III. Procedure

This policy prohibits the use of self-balancing, battery powered boards known as hoverboards and similar based products because of the identified safety hazards associated with the use of product.

In a letter issued by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) on February 18, 2016, the CPSC cites reports of 52 fires across 24 states involved the lithium-ion batteries from December 1, 2015 to February 17, 2016.

This policy does not include the use of motorized equipment associated with the mobility of patients, employees, guests, or visitors in compliance with the American Disability Act (ADA).

IV. Definitions

Hoverboard: A battery-operated, self-balancing device used for personal transportation. It is also referred to as a self-balancing electric scooter, electric skateboard, or hand-free Segway. The rider or operator stands on a platform with both feet and their body weight to control the movement of the device.

V. References

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- Fire Safety Manual EHS 100-05

VI. Version revisions

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