Hover Board Policy

Based upon Gettysburg College’s safety standards and recent instances of batteries from electronic skateboards and self-balancing devices bursting into flames, all hover boards and similar devices are banned on campus, effective immediately.

All students, faculty and staff must leave these devices at an off-campus location. This ban prohibits the use, possession, or storage at residence halls, apartments, Greek houses, academic buildings, all other campus buildings, campus grounds, and other off-campus properties controlled by the college effective immediately.

http://www.gettysburg.edu/about/offices/college_life/reslife/firstyear_living/items_not_permitted.dot

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) issued a strong warning and also highlighted the fact that an investigation into burning hover boards is ongoing. Batteries within these devices have been reported to burst into flames — especially while being charged — resulting in a metal fire that can burn with intense heat. To date, a number of shipping companies, airlines, and colleges and universities have temporarily banned these devices.

The ban will remain in effect until more information and better safety standards for all models of the equipment are in place to protect Gettysburg College students, faculty, staff, patients and visitors from the potential threat of fire.

As students, faculty and staff return to campus after the holiday season, they are encouraged to remember that campus safety is a community responsibility. Everyone is asked be aware of the fire risks — and be mindful of life safety of others — by not introducing potential hazards to our community.

For students who already have hover boards on campus and cannot get them home safely, Gettysburg College has made arrangements to provide temporary storage. If you live on campus and have such a device and need assistance with temporary storage, please contact the Public Safety at 717-337-6911.