HOVERBOARD POLICY

Policy Statement

There have been a number of safety concerns associated with hoverboards that have been raised by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), national safety organizations, other colleges and universities, national and international airlines, state governments and municipalities nationwide. Because of these identified safety concerns and the potential impact to the safety of our community, The University of Southern Mississippi has created this policy to deal with the devices on all of its campuses and facilities.

Reason for Policy/Purpose

Due to safety concerns associated with hoverboards that have been raised by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), and others, and the potential impact to the safety of our community, The University of Southern Mississippi has decided to institute an indefinite ban on these devices.

Who Needs to Know This Policy

The entire University of Southern Mississippi community.

Website Address for this Policy

www.usm.edu/institutional-policies/pres-pr-002.

Definitions

Hoverboards include, but are not limited to, self-balancing scooters, battery operated scooters, hands-free segways and similar devices and equipment.
Policy/Procedures

1.0 Due to safety concerns associated with hoverboards that have been raised by the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), national safety organizations, other colleges and universities, national and international airlines, state governments and municipalities nationwide and the potential impact to the safety of our community, The University of Southern Mississippi has decided to institute an indefinite ban on these devices. These devices’ batteries can burst into flame – especially while being charged – resulting in a metal fire that can burn with intense heat. The use of hoverboards on our campuses also presents safety concerns for the users as well as third parties, especially on sidewalks and in congested areas.

2.0 Effective April 12, 2016, and until further notice, hoverboards, also known as self-balancing scooters, battery operated scooters, hands-free segways and similar devices and equipment, are prohibited from use or storage on any of the University campuses, properties, or in any USM owned building or facility.

3.0 This action is being taken as part of the University's comprehensive fire prevention program, and its overall efforts to maintain a safe campus.

Review

The Vice President for Student Affairs is responsible for the review of this policy every four years (or whenever circumstances require immediate review).

Forms/Instructions

N/A

Appendices

N/A

Related Information


History

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