UNCW continuously monitors local and national trends that could affect our campus, faculty, staff and/or students. Recently there has been a great deal of public dialogue pertaining to self-balancing scooters, commonly known as “hoverboards,” particularly as to the potential fire risk associated with their use and charging. The National Association of State Fire Marshals has received reports and has initiated investigations into several injuries.

Based on information regarding the safety of their operation, and particularly the potential fire risk associated with their use and charging, UNCW is instituting an immediate ban on the indoor operation and charging of “hoverboards,” also known as Swagways, IO Hawks, Skywalkers, etc. in all campus buildings, including residence halls. For further information regarding safety issues with hoverboards, please see the links below or visit the EH&S website for links to the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the Department of Transportation.

Consumer Product Safety Commission

Department of Transportation

National Fire Protection Association