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Are you banning Hoverboards at your school?



NFPA has issued a fire safety warning about hoverboards and has produced a customizable tips sheet outlining precautions consumers should take if they purchase a hoverboard, signs of problems with the self-balancing scooters and what to do in an emergency.

The Center for Campus Fire Safety is working with NFPA to provide information concerning hoverboards and recommended safety tips! Let us know what you're doing on campus. Either submit

and article or just an FYI via Email to SupportTeam@campusfiresafety.org and we'll post your information on our website. Also check out our social networks for additional hoverboard conversation.

[[Hoverboard Resources](#)]

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Beginning 2016

Happy New Year to you and all of your families. Another New Year has started and the new academic sessions as well. We at the Center hope that this newsletter finds you all well and on your way into the new year and academic session. The year 2015 is behind us and the year 2016 is ahead of us. Hang on for the ride.

As the new academic sessions start the big topic in fire safety has been the Hoverboard. Touted as one of the top Christmas presents of 2015 the Hoverboard has many campus fire officials concerned about the potential fire hazards of these new Boards. Many campuses have enacted full bans or partial bans of these new boards on campuses all across the nation.

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OFF-CAMPUS, by Tim Knisely

Fire Extinguishers - A Training Tool for the **OCFLS Alliance**

Frequently through an academic year I'm made aware of kitchen fires that were extinguished by tenants using the fire extinguisher that is located in their house or apartment. These fires aren't always reported to the fire department because the fire is quickly controlled. The good news is that the fire was quickly controlled and no one was hurt. Unfortunately, some of these fires may not be extinguished and the fire continues to burn and spread.

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CODES, STANDARDS & MORE



UNCOVERING THE VEIL OF SMOKE

By: Brian O'Connor, Associate Engineer, NFPA



SECTION 504 ACCESS TO BUILDING OPENINGS AND ROOFS

You know what they say, knowledge is power. In this case knowing about fires and the dangers they bring can not only empower you to make safer choices but could help save your life.

Dangers of Smoke ... Many people know that smoke is hazardous, but some of the reasons why may surprise you. One of the more well-known perils is that smoke may contain toxins such as carbon dioxide and carbon monoxide as well as other particulates, which are not pleasant to inhale. Your body will let you know this by coughing, wheezing and if exposed for too long, incapacitation. Smoke also limits your visibility, which not only hinders your ability to identify exits and hazards, but individuals tend to move slower when they can't see where ...

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504.1 Required access. Exterior doors and openings required by this code or the International Building Code shall be maintained readily accessible for emergency access by the fire department. An approved access walkway leading from fire apparatus access roads to exterior openings shall be provided when required by the fire code official.

504.2 Maintenance of exterior doors and openings. Exterior doors and their function shall not be eliminated without prior approval. Exterior doors that have been rendered nonfunctional and that retain a functional door exterior appearance shall have a sign affixed to the exterior side of the door with the words THIS DOOR BLOCKED...

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An interesting article ...

Here's why Syracuse University won't have to change its smoke detector system following state legislation

Although a New York state law passed last month requiring all smoke detectors to have 10-year batteries, Syracuse University does not have to make any changes to its smoke detector system.

In a statement released by the New York State Assembly last month, New York state Gov. Andrew Cuomo required that all homes and businesses have working smoke detectors with 10-year batteries. The act takes full effect on Jan. 1, 2017, and applies to all buildings on the SU campus.

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MEMBER NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

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MEMBER NEWS

- **NFPA 72, the National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code ®**, has entered a revision cycle to create the 2019 edition. This is our chance to speak out regarding any changes we need to see on campus. The deadline for submitting Public Inputs is 6/29/16. Please send any ideas for changes for the next edition of NFPA 72 that would like to have submitted by The Center to Cathy Tabor (ctabor@campusfiresafety.org) by 3/1/16. She will compile

your input for consideration by The Center's Codes and Standards Committee.
Thank you The Center for Campus Fire Safety, Codes, Standards and Technical Research Committee

- **Opening on the Board** - There is an opening for a Board Member to fill Kevin McSweeney's position, as he moved to Treasurer/Secretary. If you are a member in good standing, employed at a college/university and are interested in being considered for this position please send your contact information and a brief biography to:
SupportTeam@campusfiresafety.org

- **New Committee Members** - Let's welcome two new members to our Professional Development, Education & Events Committee ... Nathaniel Smith of Catholic University and William Hempstead, Molloy College. Thank you both for volunteering to help.

- **Always Looking for Articles and Webinar Presenters ...**

Webinars: If you are interested in presenting at one of our 2016 webinars, simply click **here**, provide brief information and we'll call you. We provide the online structure, promotion and more ... all you have to do is present!

Newsletter Articles: We're always looking for articles for our newsletter. In fact, if you are interested in your own monthly column, simply let us know. Send your intent and/or articles to: **SupportTeam@campusfiresafety.org**

- **Forum 2015 Photos** are now online!!! ... [**MORE**] (Thanks to our Board Member and photographer, Tony Yuen)



CENTER ACTIVITIES TO DATE:

March 16: Michael J. Swain will speak at FM Global's Healthcare and Education Leaders' Forum
May 4 & 5: CSFI Dinner and NAC Meeting, Washington DC
June 13 - 16: The Center will exhibit at the NFPA Expo in Las Vegas
July 25 & 26: CSHEMA Conference and Exhibit, Austin, TX
November 1-4 : Campus Fire Forum 2016, Mesa, AZ

CAREER CONNECTIONS

SAFETY & HEALTH SPECIALIST

Duke University and Duke University Health System 14 reviews - Durham, NC

Occupational Summary

The Duke University Occupational and Environmental Safety Office, Fire Safety and Life

Division, has a Safety and Health Specialist position open. Duties and Responsibilities:
Participate in the inspection, maintenance, and testing of automatic and/or fire alarm systems to include, but not limited to, examinations, adjustment, calibration, parts replacement and cleaning of all systems and system components. Assist in the management of all scheduled maintenance, inspections, and tests of fire hydrants, sprinklers and standpipes located throughout the University and ...

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Don't forget ... Send job postings to: SupportTeam@campusfiresafety.org. There is no charge to post these in our newsletter.



The Center's By-Laws amended to allow Student Memberships

Coming soon ... The Center members voted to allow Student Memberships for full time students. Details will be forthcoming. Memberships will be reasonably priced for college and university students to become members. According to The Center's President, Michael J. Swain, "This addition will be especially helpful for students majoring in Fire Sciences, and students interested in campus fire safety."



TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

UPCOMING WEBINARS:

The 2016 Webinar Schedule is under construction!!!

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Cost: Members Free | Non-Members \$50.

Non Members: Become a Member and attend this webinar free.

Once you become a member all webinars are free, along with discounts to our annual campus fire forum and more.

[\[MEMBERSHIP INFO \]](#)

ADDITIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES



CHUBB TRAINING

New 2016 Schedule online!
Chubb Offers 30% off to Members of The Center or 50% if you are also a Building/Fire Code official

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FIRE SMART CAMPUS

Fire Smart Campus Training Opportunities ... The Center instructor(s) will come to your campus or town. Price varies depending upon location ...

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CROWD MANAGER

New - NEXT GENERATION - Crowd Manager Training ... 2 hour online course @ \$19.95. Presented by ICC, NAFSM & CCFS

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FIRE FATALITY STATISTICS

NEW FIRE FATALITY STATS FROM USFA

U.S. Fire Administration's Campus Fire Fatalities in Residential Buildings (2000-2015) Report
Developed by Tim O'Dowd - USFA/DHS

The U.S. Fire Administration's Campus Fire Fatalities in Residential Buildings (2000-2015) report analyzes the 85 fatal fires that took place in dormitories, fraternities, sororities and off-campus housing which resulted in 118 fatalities - an average of approximately seven per school year.

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FOR STUDENTS & PARENTS

Campus Fire Safety for Students is a joint



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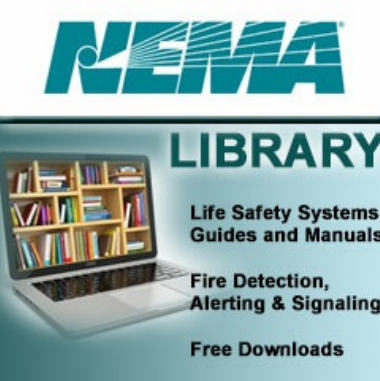
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What if your combination appliance helps prevent unnecessary fire alarms from going off?

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Kidde RemoteLync Monitor

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