

MEDIA RELEASE

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“Hoverboard” electric balancing scooters recalled

Santa’s had to make some last minute changes to Christmas wish lists this week with one brand of electric balancing scooter recalled due to concerns it could electrocute someone or start a fire.

The scooters, which are also referred to as “hoverboards”, have been one of this year’s most talked-about items but investigations have found the Moonwalker two-wheel scooter by Hunter Sports has been sold with a non-compliant battery charger and cord.

It was sold at Big W from December 5 to 11.

While there have been no reported incidents in Victoria, fires have been reported overseas.

Victoria’s Director of Energy Safety, Paul Fearon, said these recalled products should be returned to the point of purchase for a full refund.

“Christmas should be a happy and fun time and we don’t want anyone’s day to be ruined by a fire or electric shock.”

Investigations are continuing in relation to several other scooter models that have been sold online and two further recalls are expected to be announced next week.

Further details on the recall are available at esv.vic.gov.au or recalls.gov.au.

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