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## ***NY Fire Consultants, Inc.*** ***Fire Safety Message***

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### **Gasoline Powered Scooters Are Extremely Dangerous**

Storing gasoline in the tanks of the scooters is extremely dangerous. Storing gasoline in any unauthorized gas can, bottle or jar used to refill scooter tanks is also extremely dangerous. Flammable liquids can cause an explosion and a flash fire. This is particularly dangerous if it occurs indoors, in a house or an apartment.

- ✓ Gasoline never should be stored in a home or apartment. It is flammable and creates vapors that can explode and cause a flash fire at the touch of a spark from a match or gas-stove pilot light.
- ✓ Gasoline never should be placed in any can, bottle, or plastic container that does not meet approved fire codes.
- ✓ Gasoline never should be handled by any person younger than 18 years of age. Many of the popular scooters or four-wheel go-carts are used by children and younger teens. These youths never should be mixing, pouring or playing with gasoline.

Scooters that require gasoline to make them go are dangerous and a fire hazard. Don't get one if it must be stored indoors at your home or apartment. Don't let children or teenagers place themselves in harm's way by owning a "toy" that requires the use of any flammable liquid, including gasoline.



Scene of Harlem apartment fire caused by a scooter/cart gasoline explosion. A young girl was killed in this May 2003 fire.



Photos: FDNY Bureau of Fire Investigation

Fire was caused by gasoline and gas vapors escaping from the tank and ignited by the pilot light of the kitchen stove.



## ***Fire Safety Massage***

### **FDNY Scooter Facts:**

- ❖ It is illegal to store gasoline in any residence in an amount exceeding one gallon.
- ❖ It is illegal to store gasoline in any can, bottle or jar.
- ❖ It is illegal to store gasoline in any storage device without an approved vapor cap.
- ❖ It is illegal for any gasoline station to dispense gasoline into any unapproved storage device.
- ❖ It is illegal to park any gasoline motorized vehicle or device inside a home or apartment.
- ❖ It is dangerous to mix gasoline with any other flammable liquid (such as oil).
- ❖ It is dangerous to pour gasoline indoors. Gas can spill and be set off by a spark or lit cigarette.
- ❖ It is dangerous to pour gasoline indoors because it emits vapors that are extremely flammable.
- ❖ It is dangerous to have children or young teens play with gasoline or "toys" that use gasoline.

### **Some Examples of Gasoline Powered "Toys"**



Our training seminars have been specifically designed to reduce the risk of fire through the promotion of fire safety awareness and basic fire training for all staff. Our training provides the building manager and building staff with an overview of their roles in the event of a fire or emergency. It also provides participants with the necessary knowledge and skills to enable them to deal with small fires safely, by using portable fire extinguishers, and to develop an awareness of the dangers and causes of fire. Special attention is given to non-fire emergencies, specifically, terrorism and suspicious letters and packages. For more information call 718-.432-1600.

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