How Amazon Dodges Responsibility for Unsafe Products: The Case of the Hoverboard

The Wall Street Journal takes a look at a specific product liability case and puts it into context in the larger question of how Amazon and other internet companies try to avoid a legal burden when the products they sell malfunction, causing injury and damage.

The article by **Alexandra Berzon** tells the story of malfunctioning hoverboards that caused millions of dollars in damages when they burst into flames.

“The cases are testing a longtime argument made by Amazon and other internet companies, one that underpins the modern tech industry,” she writes. “We are just operating a platform that connects buyers and sellers, the argument goes. It’s up to the sellers who use our site to make sure that they meet proper safety standards.”

Read the *WSJ* article.