

HAZARD ALERT

PORTABLE SPORT EQUIPMENT

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REFERENCE: CSH&WSA Document No. 14 – Hazard Management Procedure OHS&W Regulations 2010, Division 3, Part 20 Hazard Identification and risk assessment

OBJECTIVE:

To ensure worksites are aware of the dangers associated with portable sport equipment, for example football goalposts, soccer goals, netball/basketball goal rings

BACKGROUND:

Recently there have been incidents/occurrences of sport equipment falling onto people in close vicinity. These occurrences have required Notification to SafeWork SA, some have injured people.

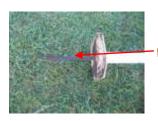
PREVENTATIVE ACTIONS:

- Inspect all portable sport equipment on receipt of this HAZARD ALERT
- Inspect portable sport equipment prior to the start of each sport session use <u>TAKE 5</u>
- Inspect equipment when conducting workplace inspections at least twice each year (Modify Workplace Inspection Checklist to include portable sport equipment, if applicable to your site)

Consider the following when inspecting the equipment:

- Is it good condition and structurally sound? ie not rusted, splintered,
 damaged
- Is it stored correctly? ie to reduce damage
- Is the correct connecting hardware available and used?
- Is it weighted correctly? i.e. balanced
- Is its intended use safe & appropriate?

- Is it used for its intended purpose?
- Is it being used for the appropriate age group?
- Is padding required and used?
- Is the area clear of other obstructions with adequate boundary clearance?
- Is the equipment secured?



Would this 23cm. pin 'hold' 4metres of post?



Anchoring of equipment

- Prior to purchase ensure that equipment meets Australian Standards and is Risk Assessed
- Install/place equipment to prevent overbalancing
- > Instruct staff/volunteers in the safe handling of equipment and any hazards related to the equipment
- Instruct staff/volunteers to be aware of, and report, any damage &/or hazards associated with this equipment.
- Manage any hazards identified through the Hazard Management process (Catholic Church Safety Manual Document No14)
- Ensure all contractors using portable sport equipment have the appropriate documentation prior to the session commencing (eg Registration of Amusement Structures if required, Public Liability)
- > Store equipment to prevent unauthorized use and potential injury

FUTHER INFORMATION:

Contact your OHS Consultant at Catholic Safety Health & Welfare SA (8210 9342) if you require further information and/or assistance.

Resources: Standards Australia –Australian Handbook: HB 227 – 2003 Portable Soccer goalposts – Manufacture, use and storage