

# 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 **TAKE 5**
- 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