

Florida Child Injury Prevention: Movable Soccer Goals Pose Hidden Risks

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Soccer is often one of the first sports small children learn to play. Overall, over 16 million persons in the United States play soccer at least once a year, according to the 1994 National Soccer Participation Survey. Unfortunately, many parents, teachers, and coaches are not aware that this seemingly safe sport has one extremely dangerous component—the movable goal.

Movable soccer goals can fall over and kill or injure children who climb on them or hang from the crossbar. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) has reports of at least 28 deaths since 1979 resulting from soccer goals falling over. In addition, an estimated 120 injuries involving falling goals are treated each year in U.S. hospital emergency rooms.

Both homemade and professionally manufactured soccer goals are involved in these incidents.

To help prevent deaths and injuries associated with soccer goals, keep these safety tips in mind.

- Securely anchor or counter-weight movable soccer goals at all times.
- Never climb on the soccer net or goal framework.
- Always instruct soccer players on the safe handling of and potential dangers associated with movable soccer goals.
- Use movable soccer goals only on level (flat) fields.
- Check all connecting hardware before every use. Replace damaged or missing fasteners immediately.
- Ensure safety labels are clearly visible.
- Remove nets when goals are not in use.
- Anchor or chain goals to nearby fence posts, dugouts, or similar sturdy fixtures when not in use.
- Fully disassemble goals for seasonal storage.

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