

# Product

## Safety Alert

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### **Portable Soccer Goals**

#### **What is a portable soccer goal?**

It is one that is designed to be transported on and off a soccer field, either in one piece or disassembled.

Portable soccer goals pose a serious risk of injury because of their instability. When pressure is exerted on the crossbar the structure can topple forward. Due to the weight of the crossbar serious injuries and deaths have occurred when the crossbar has fallen on people.

Other hazards associated with portable soccer goals is the risk of trapping and laceration created by some nets and net hooks.

A mandatory product safety standard for portable soccer goals has been introduced and took effect from 22nd February 2006. The standard is based on safety guidelines published by Standards Australia. It applies to all commercially available portable soccer goals except those that weigh less than 28kg and those designed to be used indoors.

Important information on portable soccer goals purchased prior to 22nd February 2006

While the new product safety standard does not cover existing moveable soccer goals, these still need to be inspected before use to prevent injury.

#### Main Points to Check:

- That the soccer goals are properly secured to prevent them falling over. It takes at least 200kg to evenly weigh down the base of the goal posts;
- That there are no sharp edges, wooden or metal pieces protruding from the goal posts;
- That people, especially children, are not allowed to swing, play or climb on a portable soccer goal;
- After use, the portable soccer goals are removed from the playing field and securely stored away.

More information, including a 'Make Safety Your Goal' pamphlet, is available from the NSW Department of Sport and Recreation website at [www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/media/soccer\\_goalposts.asp](http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/media/soccer_goalposts.asp)