



# CPSC Safety Alert

## Movable Soccer Goals Can Fall Over On Children

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. Both homemade and professionally manufactured soccer goals are involved in these incidents. To help prevent deaths and injuries associated with soccer goals, follow these safety suggestions.

- Securely anchor or counter-weight movable soccer goals at all times (see illustration).
- 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.

A voluntary safety standard for soccer goals and a guide for safer use are available from ASTM International at [www.ASTM.org](http://www.ASTM.org).

