

PLAY IT SAFE

SOCCER GOAL SAFETY CHECKLIST

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To help prevent severe or fatal injuries associated with soccer goals, here are a few important suggestions:

- Securely anchor/counter-weight movable goals at all times.
- Never climb on the soccer net or goal frame.
- Instruct players on safe handling/dangers of movable goals.
- Use movable goals only on flat, level fields.
- Check all connecting hardware before every use.
- Replace damaged/missing hardware immediately.
- Ensure safety labels are clearly visible.
- Remove nets when goals are not in use.
- Anchor or chain goals to a nearby fence when not in use.
- Fully disassemble goals for seasonal storage.



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Before each match or practice, it is important that coaches, officials and/ or designated volunteers carefully inspect the condition of goals, nets, hardware and accessories. This guide is intended to provide baseline information for soccer goal safety and is not all-inclusive. Though using this checklist and applying corrective actions can help reduce the risk of injury or harm, it may not prevent all accidents. Always use extreme caution when assembling and disassembling goals.

**Movable soccer goals can tip over and cause severe or fatal injuries.
Movable soccer goals should be properly anchored at all times.**

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| ☐ | ☐ | The goal is on a level surface. |
| ☐ | ☐ | The goal and net attachment accessories do not have any sharp edges. |
| ☐ | ☐ | The goal frame does not exhibit any structural damage. |
| ☐ | ☐ | The goal frame is free of any corrosion. |
| ☐ | ☐ | The goal welds are free of cracks. |
| ☐ | ☐ | The goal corner joints are secure and free of cracks. |
| ☐ | ☐ | All connecting hardware (such as nuts, bolts, and washers) is properly in place. |
| ☐ | ☐ | All connecting hardware is not damaged. |
| ☐ | ☐ | All connecting hardware has been sufficiently screwed and tightened. |
| ☐ | ☐ | The net has been inspected and is free of large tears and holes. |
| ☐ | ☐ | The net has been inspected and is securely attached to the frame of the goal. |

Goal anchoring on natural soil/ grass fields

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| ☐ | ☐ | The anchors are free of damage. |
| ☐ | ☐ | The goal is sufficiently and securely anchored along its base and rear corners. |
| ☐ | ☐ | The anchors are secured properly to the goal and into the ground. |
| ☐ | ☐ | The anchors are flush with the ground and clearly visible. |

Goal anchoring on artificial turf, if anchor bags are used

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| ☐ | ☐ | The anchor bags are in good condition free of any tears or damage. |
| ☐ | ☐ | The anchor bags are sufficiently filled with sand or gravel. |
| ☐ | ☐ | The goal is sufficiently and securely anchored along its base and rear corners. |

If you marked any of the above as 'FALSE,' immediately notify relevant personnel to make the necessary and proper corrections. If the proper corrections cannot be made before the start of the next game or practice, do not use the affected goal, move it a safe distance away or disassemble it, and clearly mark the goal 'UNSAFE: DO NOT USE THIS GOAL' to warn others.

POST-SEASON GOAL STORAGE SUGGESTIONS

When the soccer season has concluded, consider fully disassembling goals and storing your goals in a secure facility until the start of the next season. This will not only reduce the risk of harm, it will also help extend the life of your goal and the value of your investment. If goal storage is not feasible at the end of your season, it is recommended to remove the net and chain the face of the goal to a fence or permanent structure. For two goals, remove both nets, position the face of each goal towards the other, and chain together.

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