



SAFETY DIRECTOR BULLETIN



SPORTS NETS & GOALS BEST PRACTICES

As we approach the storm season and winter months, it is crucial to take proactive measures to protect our sports facilities and equipment. One significant step is the removal of sports nets and goals. Here are the key reasons why this practice is essential:

Preventing Structural Damage

Sports nets and goals are vulnerable to high winds, heavy snow, and ice. These weather conditions can cause significant damage to the equipment, leading to costly repairs or replacements. By removing them, we can prevent such damage and extend the lifespan of our sports facilities.

Safety

Loose or damaged sports equipment can pose a safety hazard to the public and employees. High winds can turn goals and nets into dangerous projectiles, while heavy snow and ice can cause them to collapse unexpectedly. Removing these items reduces the risk of injury.

Reducing Maintenance Costs

Regularly removing and storing sports nets and goals during adverse weather conditions can significantly reduce maintenance costs. It minimizes the need for frequent repairs and ensures that the equipment remains in good condition for longer periods.

Preserving Playing Surfaces

Leaving sports equipment out during storms and winter can damage the playing surfaces. Heavy equipment can create divots and ruts in the ground, which can be costly and time-consuming to repair. By removing the equipment, we help preserve the quality of our playing fields.

Promoting Community Responsibility

Encouraging the removal of sports nets and goals demonstrates our commitment to maintaining safe and high-quality public spaces. It sets a positive example for the community and promotes a culture of responsibility and care for shared resources.

Best Practices

- **Schedule Regular Inspections:** Ensure that sports equipment is inspected regularly, especially before and after storms.
- **Develop a Removal Plan:** Create a plan for the timely removal and storage of sports nets and goals during adverse weather conditions.
- **Communicate with employees and the community** by informing them about the importance of these measures and how they can assist.

By taking these proactive steps, we can protect our sports facilities, ensure public safety, and reduce maintenance costs.