

HAZARD ALERT

Sports Posts

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References:

WHS Act 2012 (SA) Sections 19, 20, 21 & 27
WHS Regulations 2012 (SA) – Regulations 34 – 38
CSaIM Procedure No. (14) – Hazard Management
CSaIM Procedure No. (15) – Plant Management

OBJECTIVE

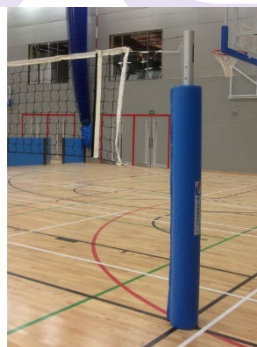
To ensure worksites are aware of a recent serious incident that occurred involving a netball post and to communicate recommended actions.

BACKGROUND

There has been an incident in the Education Sector which resulted in an injury to a student. A student contacted a netball post.



Examples of common types of Sporting Posts Requiring Padding



Note: Other sporting posts may also require padding e.g. badminton, tennis etc.

Identified Issue:

- Sports posts may not have padding fitted.
- Sports posts may not have padding installed prior to use.
- Sports posts may not have padding fitted outside of defined sporting activities however students could still access them during recess and lunch for example.

PREVENTATIVE ACTION

Hazards need to be identified, and controls implemented to prevent / minimise possible injuries. Sites need to ensure, but not limited to:

- Review your own sites to determine what type of sports posts are in place.
- Determine what sporting posts require padding.
- Identify if sports type posts have padding available for use and the padding is in good condition. If not, padding must be purchased.
- All posts associated with sporting type activities have padded covers fitted when sports activities are occurring and when students could access these outside of defined sporting activities.
- Sites to ensure that this hazard alert and the requirements are communicated to all relevant staff.

For enquiries or further information, please contact your Safety Business Partner at CSaIM or ring the CSaIM Office on 8210 8101