

Portable Goalposts Must Always be Safely Secured

Clubs and Associations must ensure the safe securing of portable goalposts when goal posts are in use and when stored. Securing goal posts is a mandatory requirement of Australian Standard AS4866.1-2007 and Product Safety Notices issued by the FFA, ACCC, NSW Office of Fair Trading.

Since 1986, 7 deaths in Australia and over 40 deaths worldwide have occurred as the result of falling goal posts. (Source productsafety.gov.au)

For the safety and welfare of all participants it is vital that all clubs comply with the Australian Standard and safety notices by conducting regular safety checks on goalposts and monitoring their safe use, anchoring and storage.

Mandatory Goalpost Safety Standard AS4866.1-2007 and the ACCC Product Safety Notice requires that all portable goalposts weighing 28kg and over are anchored with at least 10 stakes or 10 bags of sand or 12 bags of cement to prevent them tipping over. Goals must also be secured safely when not in use. Unsecured goalposts can also tip over and cause injury or death when not in use. Common practice is to chain and padlock the goals to a secure fixture or to each other to ensure they cannot tip over.

Safety notices and Standard information:

[Anchor, Check, Respect - ACCC Goalpost Safety Brochure - ACCC](#)
[FNSW Portable Goalpost Safety Policy](#)
[FA Portable Goalpost Safety](#)



Portable Goalpost Warning Stickers

All portable goals weighing 28kg and over must display a warning notice alerting of the dangers of climbing on goals, hanging on crossbars and goals tipping over.

If your club or association is purchasing portable goals, check with the supplier that the goals comply with the Australian Standard and ensure that the goals display the mandatory Australian Standard warning notice.

For existing portable goals weighing 28kg and over that do not have warning notices, FNSW provides warning stickers free for its affiliated clubs and associations.

To order warning stickers for your goals, send your club name, contact name, postal address and the number of goals to email: enquires@thefootballcorner.com.au.

Warning stickers can be purchased from Football NSW by schools and non-affiliated community groups.

⚠ WARNING ALWAYS ANCHOR GOAL NEVER CLIMB ON GOAL OR HANG ON CROSSBAR *Unanchored goals can tip over causing serious injury or death.*

Net Hook Safety

Metal hooks have been banned on football goalposts in NSW since 2000 and are prohibited in accordance with the mandatory Australian Standard AS4866.1-2007. Metal cup hooks are unsafe and should not be on goals or be used to secure nets to goals as they can cause serious injury or death.

Net hooks have been responsible for several injuries in NSW, including a player who injured their knee when it struck a metal net hook on a goalpost and a school student seriously injured on a goal during school sport.

Injuries of this kind are not uncommon when metal hooks or nails are used to attach nets to goals, but these incidents are preventable when alternative safer net attachments are used.

Net Attachments

Prohibited

Metal net hooks on goalposts are prohibited and can cause serious injury or death.



C Hook X



J Hook X



Double J Hook X



L Hooks on goal X



S Hook X



L Hook X



Nail X

Alternative options

Velcro net straps, net clips and new types of net attachment systems



Velcro net straps



Plastic Net clips



Net Track System

For further information visit [ACCC Product Safety – Moveable soccer goals](https://www.accc.gov.au/industry/football/football-soccer-goals)