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## Goalpost Safety Guidelines

### Your role:

1. For Safety reasons goalposts of any size (including those which are portable and not installed permanently at a pitch or practice field) must always be anchored securely to the ground.
  - Portable goalposts must be secured as per the manufacturer's instructions.
  - Under no circumstances should children or adults be allowed to climb on, swing or play with the structure of the goalposts
  - Particular attention is drawn to the fact that if not properly assembled and secured, portable goalposts may overturn.
  - Regular inspections of goalposts must be carried out to check that they are properly maintained.
2. Portable goalposts should not be left in place after use. They should be dismantled and removed to a place of secure storage.
3. Nets should only be secured by plastic hooks or tape and not by metal cup hooks. Any metal cup hooks should be removed and replaced. New goalposts should not be purchased if they include metal cup hooks that cannot be replaced.
4. Goalposts which are 'home made' or which have been altered from their original size and construction should NOT be used. These have been the cause of a number of deaths and injuries.
5. There is no BS/CEN or PAS standard for wooden goals & it is unlikely that wooden goals will pass a load or stability test. The FA recommends that wooden goals should be replaced when necessary with compliant metal or plastic goalposts.

### Check it!

Make sure your goalposts are in good condition and properly constructed. Homemade goalposts should not be used – as they do not have in-built safety features and may be particularly hazardous for younger players.



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## **Goalpost Safety Guidelines**

### **Secure it!**

Goalposts of any size must be anchored securely to the ground as per the manufacturer's instructions. Portable goalposts must be pinned or weighted down to prevent them from overturning. Portable goalposts should be removed from the pitch when not in use and stored securely.

### **Test it!**

Before use, adults should test the goalposts to make sure they are stable. If you are unsure of the safety of your goalposts you should have them tested professionally. The FA can provide details of specialist goalpost testing companies.

### **Respect it!**

Respect your equipment. Goalposts are not designed for gymnastic displays. So don't swing on the cross bar.