



To all parents and guardians of soccer players:

One of our primary objectives is that children have safe recreation areas. To that end, soccer goals should remain securely anchored to the ground and nets firmly attached to the goals.

In an effort to keep the goals and nets secure and children safe, you are required to advise your children/soccer players and any other person accompanying you for whom you are responsible that the following is strictly prohibited: moving any soccer goals and any use of a soccer goal that is inconsistent with soccer-related activity, including without limitation, playing, climbing, or hanging on any part of the soccer goal. This especially applies to children climbing on or hanging from nets or goal frames. According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, these activities can result in serious injury, including death.

If you observe any child inappropriately using a soccer goal or net, immediately and politely ask the child to stop. If the activity continues, please notify a coach, referee, Stan Parke Rec. Soccer Commissioner (815) 791-3982 or [sparke@tinleyparkbobcats.org](mailto:sparke@tinleyparkbobcats.org), or the Tinley Park-Park District as soon as possible. Players violating this rule may be forced to sit out, at the coach's discretion.

Finally, if you see any soccer goal that is not anchored down or any net that is not firmly secured to the goal, please notify a coach, referee Stan Parke Rec. Soccer Commissioner (815) 791-3982 or [sparke@tinleyparkbobcats.org](mailto:sparke@tinleyparkbobcats.org), or the Tinley Park-Park District immediately.

If you have any questions regarding the soccer goals please contact the Tinley Park-Park District at (708) 342-4200.

Thanks for your help and cooperation,

**Tinley Park Park District**  
Sandra Chevalier  
Superintendent of Recreation  
  
Michael Hayes  
Athletic Supervisor

**Tinley Park Bobcats**  
Stan Parke  
Rec. Soccer Commissioner

## Illinois Compiled Statutes

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## PUBLIC SAFETY

### (430 ILCS 145/) Movable Soccer Goal Safety Act (aka Zach's Law).

(430 ILCS 145/1)

Sec. 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the Movable Soccer Goal Safety Act or Zach's Law.

(Source: P.A. 97-234, eff. 8-2-11.)

(430 ILCS 145/5)

Sec. 5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

"Movable soccer goal" means a freestanding structure consisting of at least 2 upright posts, a crossbar, and support bars that is designed:

(1) to be used by adults or children for the purposes of a soccer goal;

(2) to be used without any other form of support or restraint (other than pegs, stakes, augers, counter-weights, or other types of temporary anchoring devices); and

(3) to be able to be moved to different locations.

"Organization" means any park district, school district, sporting club, soccer organization, unit of local government, religious organization, business, or other similar organization that uses, owns, or maintains a movable soccer goal.

(Source: P.A. 97-234, eff. 8-2-11.)

(430 ILCS 145/10)

Sec. 10. Soccer goal safety and education policy. Movable soccer goals present a serious threat to the safety of children and adults from the dangers of unanchored or improperly anchored soccer goals tipping over. Care should be taken when installing, setting up, maintaining, moving, and properly securing a movable soccer goal. If an organization owns and controls a movable soccer goal, it must create a soccer goal safety and education policy that outlines how the organization will specifically address the safety issues associated with movable soccer goals.

(Source: P.A. 97-234, eff. 8-2-11.)

(430 ILCS 145/15)

Sec. 15. Tip-resistant movable soccer goals required.

(a) Beginning one year after the effective date of this Act, no commercial dealer, manufacturer, importer, distributor, wholesaler, or retailer may manufacture, re-manufacture, retrofit, distribute, sell at wholesale or retail, contract to sell or resell, lease, or sublet, or otherwise place in the stream of commerce, a movable soccer goal that is not tip-resistant.

(b) For purposes of this Act, a movable soccer goal whose inside measurements are 6.5 to 8 feet high and 18 to 24 feet wide does not qualify as tip-resistant unless it conforms to the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) standard F2673-08 for tip-resistant movable soccer goals.

(Source: P.A. 97-234, eff. 8-2-11.)

(430 ILCS 145/20)

Sec. 20. Technical assistance for soccer goal safety. By June 30, 2012, the Department of Public Health shall provide technical assistance materials based on guidelines such as the Guidelines for Movable Soccer Goal Safety in order to improve soccer goal safety. The Department may make these materials available on its website.

(Source: P.A. 97-234, eff. 8-2-11.)

(430 ILCS 145/99)

Sec. 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon becoming law.

(Source: P.A. 97-234, eff. 8-2-11.)

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