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Anchored For Safety's (AFS) mission is dedicated to educating soccer parents, players, coaches, referees, associations, parks and recreation departments, and the general public concerning the dangers of unsafe soccer goals. Committed to the belief that injuries and fatalities from unsafe soccer goals are preventable, AFS exists to increase awareness among these groups and others, providing support and recommendations for the safe design, handling, repositioning and storage of soccer goals.

Since 1979, approximately 30 people across the U. S. have died as the result of unsafe soccer goals. The Consumer Product Safety Commission estimates that 120 injuries involving falling goals were treated each year in U.S. hospital emergency rooms during the period 1989 through 1993.

Players of all ages – youth, middle school, high school, even adults – have been injured or killed when an unsafe goal fell on them.

The U.S. Youth Soccer Program estimates that 3.2 million children play soccer each year.

The short-term solution – Make certain goals are securely anchored during every use. Re-anchor goals after moving.

Permanent solution - Promote the use of goals that are safe, anchored or unanchored.

Types of anchors include: auger, semi-permanent, peg or stake, J-hook stake, sandbags, counterweights and net pegs.