

HAZARD ALERT

Volleyball Net Pole Crush/Amputation Risk 07 July 2015

REFERENCE:

WHS Act 2012, sec 19.
WHS Regulations 2012
CSH&WSA Document No. 14 – Hazard Management Procedure

OBJECTIVE:

To advise of the potential danger of a crushing/amputation injury whilst using volleyball net poles.

BACKGROUND:

There has been an incident recently where a student was preparing to install a volleyball net pole in the upright position when the top section of the two part pole dropped and crushed his index finger. The student was unaware that the height adjusting/lock pin had dislodged whilst carrying the pole in a horizontal position prior to installation.

INTERIM CONTROLS:

- Conduct an inspection of all volleyball and/or other related sporting equipment with adjustable poles (basketball and netball) to ensure the height adjusting lock pins are installed and secure
- Advise all workers and students of the potential crush/amputation risk of this equipment
- Ensure all workers and students are adequately trained in the safe operation of the equipment prior to use.

PREVENTATIVE ACTION:

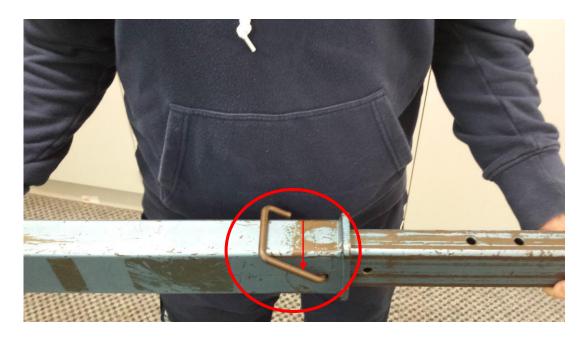
- If not already installed, consider replacing all height adjusting pins with a "locking" style pin that requires a double action to remove (refer photographs as examples)
- Conduct regular inspections on the equipment to ensure the pins are available and in good working order.
- Continue to re-enforce training and safe systems of work.



Example "locking style" pins



Catholic Safety Health & Welfare South Australia



Standard pin which can dislodge if carried upside down



When lifted upright with no pin the top section dropped, crushing the student's finger