

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



Standard pin which can dislodge if carried upside down



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

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