

To: Camps  
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Re: Safety Regulations for Moveable Soccer Goals  
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Governor Cuomo recently signed into law A.5308-C, by Assemblyman Steve Otis (D-Westchester), a bill which creates safety standards for the anchoring, securing and counter-weighting of “moveable soccer goals”. Those standards shall be enforceable beginning May 20, 2015.

The Department of State, responsible for promulgating those regulations, has yet to issue them. However, the legislation requires New York regulations to substantially comply with the US Consumer Product Safety Commission’s guidelines for moveable soccer goals. Those guidelines may be found on the US Consumer Product Safety Commission’s website: <http://www.cpsc.gov/>. Searching the website, you may find “Guidelines for Moveable Soccer Goal Safety at: <http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Safety-Education/Safety-Guides/Sports-Fitness-and-Recreation/Guidelines-for-Movable-Soccer-Goal-Safety/> .

Enforcement of these future regulations has been vested with the Office of the Attorney General. The Office is granted the power to seek a civil penalty of up to \$500 and may pursue a court ordered injunction prohibiting the use of “moveable soccer goals” found to be in violation of the Department of State’s safety regulations. However, prior to a court granting an injunction, the Attorney General will be required to give 5 day written notice by certified mail and parties alleged to have violated the moveable soccer goal safety standards will have an opportunity to be heard through a written response due 5 days after receipt of such notice.

We should expect that at some point the Department of Health will amend the State Sanitary Code to incorporate the new requirements. At that time, the DOH inspector will probably inspect any moveable soccer goals set up at a children’s camp to ensure they meet these standards.