

# SAFETY BULLETIN



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**LOCATION:** CoD Ovals

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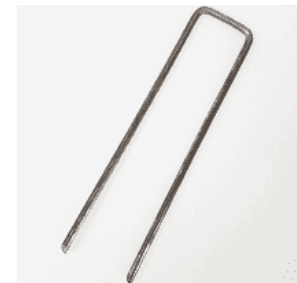
## HAZARDS / INCIDENTS

### SAFETY TOPIC: **Metal Pegs - BANNED on all Sporting Ovals**

City of Darwin (Council) has recently had a number of incidents where our Mowing Contractors have either found or their operational mower has struck metal pegs on sporting grounds. Metal pegs are banned on all Council sporting ovals.



City of Darwin relies on community sporting organisations and casual users to ensure all their coaches, players, parents and supporters who assist in setting up the grounds for training or competitive games are made aware of the dangers in using and leaving behind metal pegs on the ovals. When struck by a commercial mower, there is a high risk that the metal pegs:



- become projectiles with the potential to strike co-workers
- become projectiles with the potential to strike members of the public passing by
- remaining as a damaged metal peg on the grounds representing a danger for oval users or subsequent mowing events.

City of Darwin requests all users of sporting grounds to address this serious issue with their club members and any casual users they may be aware of. We further request all users inspect their equipment to ensure there are no metal pegs that could be used unintentionally by a parent or supporter assisting coaches.

**The use of metal pegs is banned by all users of City of Darwin sporting ovals.**

Some alternative options:

- Plastic pegs
- Integrated weights - a self-weighted goalpost usually features weights in the bottom frame.
- Small nylon sand bags are a simple, cost-effective way to keep freestanding goal posts firmly in place.

City of Darwin sincerely appreciates the co-operation of all sporting bodies and casual users of our sporting grounds in ensuring the safety of our workers and the general public.

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