



Crumb Rubber in Synthetic Turf

The American Sports Builders Association (ASBA) is a national trade association for builders, designers and suppliers of materials for a wide variety of sports surfaces, including synthetic and natural turf fields. ASBA has become aware of recent media coverage reporting illnesses in young athletes and raising concerns about potential health effects of recycled rubber granules in synthetic turf fields. The health of young athletes is a paramount concern, and ASBA is fully supportive of measures to protect the health of users of the sports facilities constructed by its members. With respect to the use of recycled rubber in synthetic turf fields, ASBA has relied on and will continue to rely on the research of manufacturers and suppliers of these products and independent researchers regarding the safety of these products. The overwhelming weight of the existing research indicates that these products are safe for use, which is consistent with the conclusions of the large numbers of governmental bodies that have considered the issue. In the absence of further scientific evidence on the issue, ASBA will continue to rely on these sources of information.

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