Twelve Steps to Safe Sports Turf

1. Commitment to safety in word and deed
   Scheduling and use linked to quality and care
   “duty to be responsible, duty to care and duty to provide standard of care”

2. Trained and dedicated staff
   Invest in hiring and educating sports turf managers

3. The right tool for the job
   Invest in accessing to equipment to maximize efficiency, performance and safety

4. Build partnerships!
   Field staff, coaches, players, administration and community invested in field safety

5. Get it right from the start
   Properly site and construct field with the help of qualified soil and turfgrass practitioners to maximize economic resources without compromising safety

6. Maintain reasonable care
   Implement nonnegotiable management plan to maximize turf and soil health

7. Raise awareness of supplementary facilities
   Be aware of lighting, fencing, signage, bleachers, etc.

8. Just say no!
   Maintain and enforce appropriate field closure regulations

9. Engage players and coaches!
   Small tasks (seeding divots, etc.) provide players with perspective on field safety

10. Player equipment standards
    Insure appropriate safety equipment is used during play

11. “Dear Diary”
    Accurate recordkeeping for consistency and historical management systems.

12. Attention to detail.
    Poor infield lips, depressed areas and exposed rocks negate commitment to safety

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