

3 June 2004

Colin Grant
Mainland Soccer
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Dear Colin.

Our park contractors, Citycare, are experiencing on going problems with the steel pins that are used for fixing down nets, which are being left lying around the goal area after training and weekend games.

Citycare are concerned for the safety of their mower drivers and the park users in the vicinity of the mowing operations. The impact of high speed mowing blades and steel pins is considered a serious safety issue as the steel pins and fragments from the damaged mower blades could be thrown a considerable distance. An additional concern is the high cost of repairing or replacing damaged mower blades.

The Greenspace Unit has therefore decided to ban the use of all metal pins (including aluminium) on Christchurch City Council parks, the ban to be effective from Saturday the 25th of June 2005.

Please pass on this information to your affiliated clubs, including the Sunday Soccer League.

Ian Jackson
Parks Contract Manager
For the Greenspace Manager
Greenspace Unit
Christchurch City Council.