



## Safety Guidelines and Safe Working Practices

A smoooga is designed to be safe to use in the playground or for almost any activities, sports and games.

Our Smoooga panels are tested for stability in windy conditions and designed to be able to withstand crowd pressure, therefore safe when in contact with the public. It is designed to be tough, resilient, robust and weather-proof.

The panels are made from blow-moulded new HDPE plastic providing a 'forgiving' exterior surface, designed to be safer on impact than timber or metal based products.

The stability comes from the heavier bases, made from fully recycled plastics, which at 18kg's are still manoeuvrable and easily carried by one adult.

### General safe handling and assembly

Always refer to appropriate manual handling and lifting guidelines and apply caution when placing on the ground. We recommend wearing appropriate footwear and gloves.

The smoooga panels push-fit into the bases and there is no trap hazard or safety issue with this procedure. When one panel attaches to the next, again with a push fit system, keep fingers clear of the push fit joint. If the joints are tight, use a rubber mallet to persuade the panel into place.



Although as part of our service we usually assemble all Smooogas and the accompanying goals when we can, please refer to manufacturers' instructions. The goals must always be anchored to prevent tipping. They can be anchored to the smoooga bases by using the 'screw eyes' provided, see diagram below, and illustrated in the assembly instructions that come with the goals. When on grass, they can also be anchored to the ground using the ground anchors supplied with the goals, referring to the manufacturers' instructions.





### **When in use:**

Avoid anyone climbing over the barriers, taking them apart during use or too many children leaning on the barriers at one time as this may cause a tipping point. However, realistically we know that climbing and leaning will happen from time to time and the risk of tipping is minimal – just please remember that the system is portable and can move and tip.

The smooga system is most stable when it forms a joined rectangle. It is slightly less stable at openings, which is why we recommend a 'return', 'L' shape or 'chicane' at the mouth of any opening in the smooga. See images and photos in assembly instructions.

### **Maintenance:**

Very little maintenance is required with your smooga. The panels can be cleaned ideally with a pressure washer or with soapy water and a brush or cloth if necessary. Check goal nets and goal fixings regularly and replace if required. Check anchor points on a regular basis as above.

### **Storage:**

If you do need to store the product, it is extremely resilient to weather and so can be kept outside. When delivered from Smooga, there are 20 bases per pallet (stacked 5 high). We would not recommend stacking to this height when loose – up to three high would be a recommended maximum height. The tops although lighter, should not be stacked above head height, as a guide, no higher than 1.5m. If under trees, you can cover the stored Smooga panels with a plastic sheet to protect from leaves and sap.

**We hope you have lasting, safe and enjoyable use from your smooga. If there is anything we can do to improve this experience, please contact us. We would love to hear from you.**

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