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Turf Wars: How Safe Are The Fields Where We Play?

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"Griffin's list of athletes with cancer who have played on synthetic turf now stands at 200 athletes."

Artificial turf problems prompt lawsuits and early replacements



"...all across the U.S. towns and schools that have replaced their grass fields with artificial turf are finding out the hard way that the plastic stuff doesn't always last as long as advertised."

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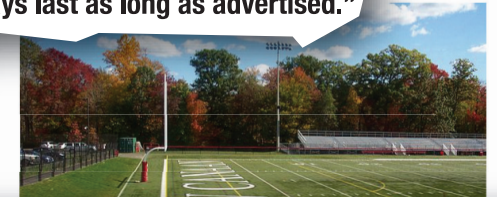
Buyers Remorse Surfacing Over Artificial Turf Fields

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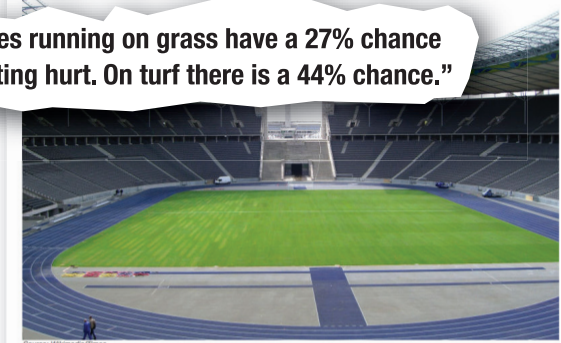
Companies that make and install artificial turf fields market the long-term "cost savings" of using their plastic, cork and rubber product compared with natural grass. The artificial stuff requires less maintenance and can be

placed their grass at the plastic stuff



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Athletes have a better chance of getting hurt playing on artificial turf than on natural grass, according to a study done by television program Radar. Athletes running on grass have a 27 percent chance of getting hurt. On turf there is a 44 percent chance.

Worries Mount Over Potential Link Between Artificial Turf And Cancer

As athletes with cancer continue to come forward, the government is investigating whether synthetic fields are truly safe.

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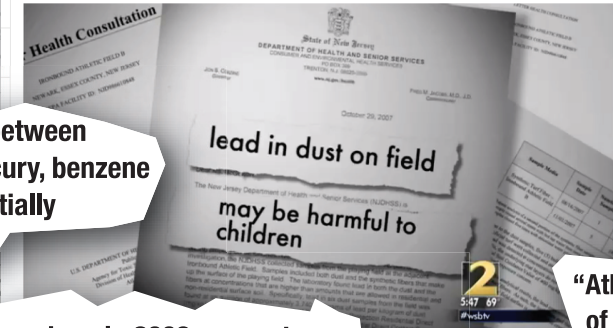


"These fields...each typically contain between 20,000 to 30,000 ground-up tires. Mercury, benzene and arsenic are just a few of the potentially harmful chemicals they contain."

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CPSC no longer stands by safety of artificial turf

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The safety of crumb rubber used in artificial turf and CPSC Staff Finds Synthetic Turf Fields OK to Install, OK to Play On. However, the agency appears to be re-evaluating its position.

"Chairman Elliot Kaye has deep concerns with the (2008) press release and it is not the agency's current position," Scott Wolfson, the Communications Director for the Consumer Product Safety Commission, told Channel 2's Rachel Stockman. "What was done in 2008 was not good enough to make a claim either way as to the safety of those fields."

The federal agency is not investigating further because they don't have the resources at the present time, Wolfson said.

"You've got your kids out here playing sports, you want them to be safe and healthy but if there is stuff that's not healthy, you don't want your kids around that," said parent Marticia Woodward. "Money shouldn't be an issue when it comes to safety -- not just for our kids (but) for anyone."

Jeff Ruch, an attorney for the nonprofit organization Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, has been pushing the federal agency to further investigate the safety of tire crumb turf.

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