

To all Managers, Coaches, Assistant Coaches,

I would like to introduce myself; Kelly Keatts as your B.B.S.A. Safety Director. Safety is of the utmost importance! Not only are you responsible for teaching the kids the rules and how to play the game of Baseball & Softball you are responsible for keeping them safe! Accidents happen and we cannot avoid injuries but it is up to us all to limit the chances of injuries and most important is to know what to do when an injury occurs. My goal is to give you the tools and knowledge to make this happen.

If you see an unsafe act please put an end to it. If you see a piece of protective equipment that is not safe please let me know and we will make it right. If you see "unsafe condition" on the ball fields please note the location and the issue and I will address it. We all have an obligation to the parents, the children, and the organization to ensure a safe environment so fun can be had by all.

As a Manager you have to take the time to prepare for the game or practice which is a monumental task in itself but I would personally ask you add another step in your routine. Please make certain you have your first aid kits and ice packs prepared at all times. The most important thing is a 911 contact. Identify at least 2 individuals before a practice or a game that has a charged cell phone and give them the responsibility of making the call if they are directed to do so. Write down the address of your location so when they do call 911 they are prepared to quickly give them the information they request. You should have someone ready to meet the EMS personnel and guide them to the location of the injury.

If you do have an injury take place the most important thing you can do as a first responder is to stay calm. The injured party and parents are already scared and they are depending on you! Keep unnecessary people away and provide what care you able to.

Safety Starts With You!

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