



HISTORY OF THE SAFETY OFFICER

The position of safety officer was created by Little League Baseball® in the 1960s, but in many leagues it never achieved its potential. Often, the safety officer was the person responsible for filling out insurance forms. In 1995, ASAP was introduced with the goal of re-emphasizing the position of safety officer. Resources have been devoted to helping safety officers prevent injuries, rather than simply reacting to them.

THE MISSION

ASAP was created from the “grassroots” of Little League. A focus group of Little League volunteers shaped the safety officer’s mission:
“To create awareness, through education and information, of the opportunities to provide a safer environment for kids and all participants of Little League Baseball.”

A NETWORK OF IDEAS

As a safety officer, you’ve got thousands of partners in leagues across the country. You’ll receive ASAP News every month. Each issue of the newsletter contains safety ideas that may make your league “safer for the kids.” The toll-free ASAP hotline and an ASAP E-Mail address allow safety officers to easily exchange their safety ideas and questions.

TOOLS FOR A SAFER LEAGUE

This notebook was developed with the help of veteran safety officers. Inside you’ll find:

- Guidelines for creating a qualified safety program
- “A Little Common Sense About Safety” — More than 1,000 ideas from fellow safety officers
- “Play It Safe” — A timeless guide to safer league operations
- A facility survey to help you assess your facilities and target needs

THE BENEFITS OF ASAP

Knowing that you have made your league “safer for the kids” is the primary benefit of ASAP. But there are secondary rewards when you use this notebook to create a qualified safety program.

The ASAP Awards recognize outstanding safety programs with prizes including a Musco Little League Lighting System. And leagues who use Chartis Insurance Companies receive a 20 percent credit on their accident insurance premium when they register their program with Little League International.

THE FUTURE

Your efforts will collectively raise safety awareness among participants of Little League Baseball. Safety will become a habit, and activities will become “safer for the kids.” Your safety program will survive transitions in leadership, and your league will gain control over injury and liability concerns. As a dedicated safety officer, you really can impact the lives of future generations.



Resources

Resources and Support Materials

Little League Resources

PUBLICATIONS:

Operating Manual—A guide to sound administration of the Little League program in the local community.

Official rule books—All divisions. Contains official regulations/rules as well as valuable safety information



ASAP News—A monthly newsletter directed to safety officers gives you a forum for exchanging ideas and learning about safety issues on how to “make it safer for the kids.”

Available on-line at: http://www.littleleague.org/learn/newsletters/ASAP_Newsletter.htm

ASAP Hotline: (800) 811-7443,

Email address: asap@musco.com

Little League web site: <http://www.littleleague.org>

— which has publications for league officials, parents, safety officers and more for successfully running your local league.

E-News — Sign up any league member on Little League’s web site for all the latest safety information, rules and other updates. Receive email notification of the latest ASAP News availability, Little League press releases and World Series updates. Sign up on Little League’s website at: <http://www.littleleague.org/enews>.

PROGRAMS:

- ASAP — A Safety Awareness Program
- Emergency Management Training Program — Practical first aid training no coach or manager should be without. Available through Little League Headquarters’ Insurance Services at (570) 326-1921

The above may be ordered from Little League Baseball, Inc. or through your District Administrator

Local Resources

- League Volunteers
- District Administrators/District Safety Officers — Ideas from other leagues in your area
- Police Departments — Traffic safety education/drug awareness/resistance education (D.A.R.E.)
- Fire Departments — First aid training/emergency preparation
- Businesses — Address specific concerns: Bike shop talks about bicycle safety; sporting goods about safety equipment
- High School and Professional Coaches — Fundamentals training/player and coach education

Who to Call

If you have a safety idea to contribute . . .

If you have questions about ASAP . . .

Call the ASAP Hotline:
(800) 811-7443

Or send us an e-mail:
asap@musco.com



If you have questions about Little League insurance . . .

If you want to order safety materials . . .

Call Little League Headquarters:
(570) 326-1921

Important Phone Numbers

Little League International: Jim Ferguson,
Assistant Director of Risk Management,
(570) 326-1921

Regional Center:

() _ _ _ - _ _ _ _

District Administrator:

() _ _ _ - _ _ _ _

District Safety Officer:

() _ _ _ - _ _ _ _

League President:

() _ _ _ - _ _ _ _

Police Department:

() _ _ _ - _ _ _ _

Fire Department:

() _ _ _ - _ _ _ _