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PAINTBALL POSITION STATEMENT

Paintball presents the potential for injury, particularly serious eye injury, including loss of sight, and/or loss of an eye.

Eye protection **MUST** be worn during **ALL** paintball activity.

Only use eye protection certified by the Protective Eyewear Certification Council as meeting or exceeding the requirements of the American Society of Testing and Materials ASTM F1776 – Standard Specification for Eye Protection Devices for Paintball.

The manufacturers and distributors of paintball equipment, and the owners and operators of commercial paintball facilities must follow appropriate safety standards.

Paintball activity should only be conducted in organized paintball facilities operated and supervised according to American Society of Testing and Materials ASTM F1777 – Standard Practice for Paintball Field Operation.

Paintball activity in unsupervised arenas, such as backyards and inside homes is strongly discouraged.

Paintball markers (air guns) should be treated with the same safety precautions as firearms. The marker should be placed on safe and barrel plugs should be used when exiting a playing field. The marker should be unloaded, de-gassed and locked in a storage unit when not in use.

Approval

This statement was written by the Community Programs Committee of Prevent Blindness America and approved by the Prevent Blindness America board of directors in March, 2002.

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