Gupta trampoline safety script

AS THE SUMMER WEATHER WARMS UP AND MORE KIDS ENJOY FUN IN THE SUN, FAMILIES SHOULD BE CAUTIOUS OF ONE ACTIVITY THAT CAN POSE SEVERE SAFETY RISKS. ACCORDING TO THE CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION, NEARLY 286,000 INJURIES ARE CAUSED EACH YEAR BY TRAMPOLINES, LEADING TO MORE THAN 100,000 EMERGENCY ROOM VISITS.

MU HEALTH CARE SURGEON SUMIT GUPTA EXPLAINS THAT TRAMPOLINE ACCIDENTS HAVE LED TO YOUNG PATIENTS SUFFERING FROM HEAD, NECK AND BONE INJURIES. HE SUGGESTS THAT THE EASIEST WAY TO KEEP KIDS SAFE IS TO SIMPLY REMOVE THE DANGER.

“The number one message for families is don’t own a trampoline at home.”

GUPTA ADDED THAT TRAMPOLINE SAFETY EQUIPMENT, SUCH AS NETTING OR MATS, HAS NOT HAD MUCH OF AN IMPACT IN TERMS OF LIMITING INJURIES FROM TRAMPOLINES.

“Different studies have found that the use of safety netting, etc in trampolines is not really reducing injuries and just gives a false sense of security.”

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