

PROCEDURAL STEPS FOR DANGEROUS CONDITIONS

A dangerous condition can be any foreign substance, material or object(s) which may come within the confines of the court or in contact with any players, officials, bench personnel and possibly even spectators. Officials need to be aware of not only keeping the playing surface clean and unobstructed within the boundary lines, but also outside the boundary lines where any player or official may need to stand.

1. Introduce yourself to the on-site administrator.
2. Ask the on-site administrator if there is any problem(s) that they are aware of concerning actual or possible dangerous condition in their gymnasium.
3. Determine if people are allowed to walk across the court especially upon entering or exiting the gymnasium. Do they allow people to walk across the court at half time and inform them that during time outs while the game is being played no one is allowed to be on the court
4. Do an inspection of the court and surrounding areas paying particular attention to the following:
 - A. Any type of debris or container on the court.
 - B. Any objects hanging or suspended above the court.
 - C. Padding around the backboard. Room along the boundary lines.

If a condition exists or is discoverable take all reasonable steps to remedy the problem. If all reasonable steps to remedy the condition have failed, the game should then be suspended or postponed. The school or league will determine whether the game is made up, not the officials.

If a dangerous condition occurs or is discoverable during the playing of the game, the game should be stopped immediately while all steps are taken to remedy the problem. The on-site administrator and both coaches should be informed as to what is occurring. Officials need to keep in mind, as well as remind the on-site administrators and coaches, that no game is so important that it needs to be played where any player, official or any spectator could suffer the possibility of any injury regardless if it is minor or life threatening as the result of a dangerous condition.