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## Letter of the Week: Sports fields and playgrounds made of ground rubber are a threat

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It seems as if only the medical community cares about crumb rubber being used on sporting fields and playgrounds. These new fields located throughout the city are made using ground rubber.

Carbon black, chloride chlorine, hydrochloride, phosphorus, benzene styrene and cesium all are listed in the Occupational Safety and Health Administration Material Safety Data Sheets as toxic chemicals as well as carcinogenic and sarcoma-, leukemia-, lymphoma-causing chemicals.

These chemicals are absorbed by the body and breathed into the lungs. These chemicals can cause death. The toxicity has been verified by mass spectrometer readings at three locations.

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