

Foul Ball Safety Now Press Release

7/18/22 - All Star Shame: MLB Owes Apology to Fans and Foul Ball Injury Victims As Crisis Continues Throughout Professional Baseball

Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles is hosting the MLB All-Star Game and festivities this week, and safety advocates are calling on Major League Baseball to come clean about the ongoing foul ball fan injury scandal.

Foul Ball Safety Now will fly a banner behind a plane between 2pm to 4pm local time in Los Angeles on Tuesday, July 19 prior to the All-Star game. It will read: "ALL STAR SHAME! FOULBALLSAFETYNOW.COM"

Two people have died from foul ball injuries suffered at Dodger Stadium — the only two known fan fatalities from foul balls in MLB in the last half century.

Linda Goldbloom, a 79-year-old mother of three and grandmother of seven, was struck in the head by a foul ball at Dodger Stadium on the night of August 25, 2018. She died four days later. Alan Fish, a 14-year-old boy, was struck in the head by a line-drive foul ball at Dodger Stadium on May 16, 1970 and died four days later.

"We're continuing to build this campaign of awareness and outrage in order to alert fans across America that their lives remain in danger of high-speed foul balls that can cause permanent injury or death," according to Jordan Skopp, founder of FoulBallSafetyNow.com.

"MLB has known about this threat for decades, but continues to neglect fan safety, especially in the minor leagues," continued Skopp.

Foul Ball Safety Now research has revealed that [at least 44 minor league ballparks](#) started the 2022 season with no netting past the ends of the dugouts. That leaves many fans seated in unprotected seats where 100 MPH+ foul balls commonly enter the stands. FBSN has also discovered at least 43 children who have been seriously injured by foul balls in professional baseball since 2008. Most were accounted coming from the Major Leagues, and the number injured is probably much greater in the Minor Leagues where there were more than three times as many games played.

"We are sending another reminder that it's time to hold MLB responsible and to demand immediate action to repeal the Baseball Rule, an outdated legal doctrine that has shielded baseball from liability, even for severe injuries," Skopp said.

This is the second year in a row that Foul Ball Safety Now has attempted to educate fans arriving at the All-Star game about ongoing foul ball risks in American ballparks. Last year, the group handed out flyers and held a banner outside Coors Field, the site of the 2021 All-Star event.

For more information, visit <https://www.foulballsafetynow.com/>

About Jordan Skopp:

Jordan Skopp is a baseball fan, stadium safety advocate, and author of an upcoming book detailing foul ball injuries at professional parks and what can be done to end the fan maiming crisis. Skopp is the founder of <https://www.foulballsafetynow.com/>.

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