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# SAFE & PLAYABLE INFIELDS:

AS EASY AS  
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**IT'S BEEN SAID FOR GENERATIONS THAT BASEBALL IS THE GREAT AMERICAN PASTIME.** And, despite wars, the Great Depression, or even the 232-day Major League baseball strike of '94, baseball remains the cornerstone of American sports. As the Little League coach, the high school Athletic Director, the county Parks and Rec Director, or the collegiate or professional Grounds Manager, you have been entrusted to keep this great game safe for the players and the baseball and softball fields playable and functioning at their highest possible levels. And now with the engineering, innovation and product development from DuraEdge® and ABI Sports Turf®, **A SAFE AND PLAYABLE INFIELD IS AS EASY AS 1,2,3!**

## STEPS TO A SAFE AND PLAYABLE INFIELD:

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**1.** Understanding the necessary components to make your infields safe and playable is important, but understanding which components comes first, second, and third is critical! Regardless of the infield grooming and moisture management equipment you own, and regardless of which topdressing you use on your infields, it will not matter to the success of your facility if the 1-4 inches below the surface is not properly engineered and installed...period! DuraEdge is the first and only infield mix company in America to use Engineered Soil Technology (E.S.T.), which verifies which materials currently make up your infield, and creates a customized and engineered plan on how to make it the very best it can be. Regardless of your infield's level of play or condition, or even your budget, DuraEdge can create a plan that will work for you! The old saying "if you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always got" applies here! If you don't get the foundation of your infield right, you will continually struggle with its safety and playability. You can find out more about DuraEdge's engineered soil products by visiting [www.duraedge.com](http://www.duraedge.com).



**2.** Once the foundation of your infield has been properly engineered or modified, knowing which topdressing to use is the next big decision to make. The topdressing that you select for your infield is the true playing surface where the game takes place, and a quality topdressing must help retain moisture, ensure fair bounces, create a smooth sliding surface, and add to an infield's aesthetic appeal. Pro Slide was developed using the ingenuity and national distribution of DuraEdge and is quickly becoming the industry's most talked about topdressing! You can learn more about the ProSlide topdressing from DuraEdge Products by visiting [www.duraedge.com](http://www.duraedge.com).

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**3.** Once your infield material and topdressing have been properly engineered and selected, it is imperative to also keep them properly maintained! Daily grooming, precise moisture management and seasonal de-compaction must become the highest priority in order to maintain the integrity, safety and playability of your quality infield. You can take a bad infield and make it better with the right equipment and knowledge...but you can also take a perfect infield and with the wrong equipment and lack of knowledge, ruin it in minutes!

ABI Sports Turf, in conjunction with Grant McKnight and DuraEdge, has developed the industry's leading infield-grooming equipment. The full line of infield groomers all incorporate innovative VibraFlex Technology to be used on a daily basis *and* U.S.-patented Profile Blades for renovation, vegetation removal, and most importantly, seasonal de-compaction. Pair ABI's infield groomers with their compact water trailers and Workman dump trailers to pull behind John Deere Gators, as well as their full line of rototillers, box scrapers, aerators, and patented gravel parking lot & driveway graders. ABI is a perfect source for all of your facility's equipment! To learn more about the full line of infield maintenance equipment from ABI, visit [www.ABIsportsturf.com](http://www.ABIsportsturf.com).

**BOTH DURAEDGE AND ABI SPORTS TURF KNOW THAT TRUST IS EARNED AND NOT JUST GIVEN!** So, why should you trust that it's as "easy as 1-2-3" to create a safe and playable infield using DuraEdge & ABI's innovative products and equipment? Because our reputations and credibility are already securely established! These products have been field tested and approved by many Major & Minor League professional teams, many of the country's leading collegiate programs, and hundreds (if not thousands) of Little Leagues, High Schools and Parks & Rec departments across the country.

You have been given the responsibility—and sometimes it's a burden—of taking care of America's great pastime! With DuraEdge and ABI Sports Turf, you have partners to help you bear that responsibility, making it easier and simpler to create and maintain safe and playable infields for everyone to enjoy!