



**Risk
Assessment
2.5**

Location / Activity / Process **Golf Course**

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Summary of Risks

Ref	Description
1.	Adverse Weather
2.	Animal Holes and changes to the structure of the ground
3.	Compressed air shoe cleaner
4.	Buggies
5.	Golf Balls - Being Struck by a golf ball
6.	Practice Facilities
7.	Slips and trips
8.	Steep slopes, paths and buggy paths
9.	Water Courses
10.	Young Persons

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1.	Adverse Weather	Staff may be subject to injury or damage to health during adverse weather conditions. Lightning strike could cause death.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adverse weather policy in place, displayed in golf reception areas, locker rooms, Pro shop. In general a decision to carry on playing during weather conditions is left to the discretion of the player, who MUST accept full responsibility for his/her safety. With the exception of Fog, lightning and very wet conditions, from time to time play will be stopped after it has started by sounding an air horn. FOG CONDITIONS – No play will take place on the course if a distance of 150yards cannot be seen. LIGHTNING CONDITIONS – After the initial clap of thunder or strike of lightening players must stop playing golf, play should not be resumed for 30mins. WET CONDITIONS – Very wet conditions may result in the course being closed to reduce slips and trips, although in this instance it is mainly closed to protect the golf course. 				
2.	Animal Holes and changes to the structure of the ground	Staff, visitors and contractors may be injured if they trip over objects or slip on uneven ground, wet ground or animal holes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regular inspection by Greens staff. Identified holes are immediately filled in. Greens staff fill in holes created by animals and natural erosion as soon as they are identified. 				
3.	Compressed air shoe cleaner	Persons using the compressed air system could aim compressed air into skin, flying objects.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Low pressure. Pressure system regularly inspected. Warning sign displayed next to shoe cleaner. 				
4.	Buggies	Staff and visitors may be subject to injury or damage to health or even death if buggies are used	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All golf buggies carry warning signs. Anybody hiring a golf buggy must either hold a provisional or full driving licence (therefore 17+). 				

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		in an improper or unsafe manner Buggy charging area – electrical/fire hazard.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A signed disclaimer record is kept. All Club Buggies are checked and tested by a competent mechanic on a regular basis, to ensure they are in good mechanical order – records are kept for individual vehicle history. The maintenance team decommission buggies using security code at night to deter any malicious behaviour. Golf buggy users are advised to stay to the buggy paths in wet conditions, and in high risk areas. The adverse weather policy takes into consideration wet conditions and using a buggy in a safe and responsible manor; often buggies are limited ONLY to the buggy path. 				
5.	Golf Balls Being Struck by a golf ball	Staff, Greenkeepers and visitors may be subject to injury or damage to health or even death if they are struck by a golf ball.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is the responsibility of all golfers to ensure that all other people are out of range, on rare occasions FORE should be shouted following a potentially dangerous golf shot as a warning. Greenkeepers are regularly working on the course when golf is in progress and therefore have right of way, where possible they will allow golfers to finish their shots before progressing. Health and Safety warning signs erected notifying golfers of green staff activity. 				
6.	Practice Facilities	Staff and visitors may be subject to injury or damage to health or even death if they are struck by a golf ball.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Persons under the age of 11 MUST NOT use the practice ground without appropriate supervision from an adult. It is the responsibility of golfers to ensure that all other people are out of range when practicing. Signage within the range makes it clear that golfers are responsible for their own actions and they must practice in a safe manner. 				

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7.	Slips and trips	Staff, visitors and contractors may be injured if they trip over objects or slip on uneven ground, wet ground or animal holes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A soft spiked shoe policy is in place. All outdoor grassed areas and around buggy paths are deemed as potential trip hazards – care must be taken whilst using the facilities. Regular course inspection by Greens staff to identify and control trip hazards. 				
8.	Steep slopes, paths and buggy paths	Staff, visitors and contractors may be injured if they trip over objects or slip on steep slopes, paths and buggy paths.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All outdoor grassed areas and around buggy paths are deemed as potential trip hazards – care must be taken whilst using the facilities. A soft spiked shoe policy is in place. Regular course inspection by Greens staff to identify and control trip hazards. 				
9.	Water Courses	Golfers at risk of drowning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Life buoys provided nearby water courses. Warning Signs Displayed. 				
10.	Young Persons	Any young people using golf facilities could be at risk of injury/abuse.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safeguarding Policy in place. All coaches and people involved with the control and running of young person's activities and matches have appropriate DBS checks. Code of Conduct in place for young persons. 				