

Health and Safety

Course Risk Assessment

Safety Notice for Play on Burgess Hill Golf Course and Surrounds

General

Golf is a dangerous sport and all persons stepping on to the course, putting greens and practice areas must be aware of the dangers and act accordingly. You should read and act upon the safety advice in the Etiquette section of the Rules of Golf and must obey all directional signage and other safety notices particularly when using buggies or trolleys.

- Use pathways or flat areas whenever possible to avoid slips, trips and falls. If you must access an uneven or sloping area, then take the route of least unevenness or minimum slope.
- You are advised to take particular care when moving around the course in wet or cold weather when underfoot conditions require extra caution. Steps on the course should be used with great care particularly in wet or frosty conditions.
- At times, the greens staff may rope off or otherwise designate routing around the course. You must obey the routing at all times and under no circumstances should a trolley be taken over a barrier. Where the barriers are low, then players must take care if stepping over the barrier.
- Only hit a golf shot when you are sure that other players, spectators or greens staff are out of range or, if they are within range, that they are aware that you are going to hit. If your shot is heading in the direction of any person, you must shout 'FORE' in a loud voice to alert that person of possible danger. If the shout 'FORE' is heard when playing or spectating, then take evasive action.
- When a shot is blind, either because the topography is such or that you are impeded by an obstruction, then only hit once you have satisfied yourself that it is safe to do so.
- Do not take swings, practice swings or warm up swings in close proximity to others.
- Practice play is limited to the range, short game area and practice putting green outside the clubhouse. Practice is strictly forbidden on the course.
- You are advised to avoid oral contact with anything that comes into contact with the golf course including sand, soil and grass, particularly when caution signs indicate that chemicals have been sprayed on the course.

- You are advised to exercise caution when walking or playing in areas of trees and bushes.

Loose and fallen branches and other obstructions will be removed wherever possible, but the Club cannot be held responsible for natural conditions prevailing at any particular time.

- The greens staff may be working on the course when golf is in progress. Please be careful and courteous to them and ensure that they are aware of, and have acknowledged your presence, prior to playing in their proximity. They may be carrying out a task at the time you are ready to play. You should allow them to complete that task after which they will stand aside to allow you to play your shot.

- All guests and visitors are requested to advise the Pro shop of any hazards noted around the course that are not covered under this Notice.