



Bury St Edmunds Golf Club

Health & Safety Risk Assessment

General

The following is advice for all golfers using the Club's facilities.

1. Be aware of cars reversing into/out of spaces and golfers walking across the car park.
2. Be aware of the dangers associated with trees especially during and after adverse weather conditions.
3. Have knowledge of the Rules of Golf and, in particular, Rules of Golf Section 1 Etiquette
4. Prior to playing a stroke or making a practice swing the player must ensure that no-one is standing close by or in a position to be hit by the club, the ball or any loose impediments which may be moved by the stroke or swing.
5. Do not move, talk or stand close to a player who is addressing the ball or making a stroke. Players must not play until the players in front are out of range.
6. Wear footwear suitable for the ground conditions. Be aware of slippery surfaces during adverse weather conditions.
7. Obey the directional rules on the practice areas.
8. Ensure that you have adequate insurance cover for any risk associated with using the facilities.
9. The Fire assembly point is in the main car park, adjacent to the entrance to the 9-hole course. Fire instructions and procedures are published in the Clubhouse.
10. **Adverse Weather Conditions.**
 - a) **Fog:** In foggy conditions, the head Greenkeeper has the responsibility to judge whether or not visibility is adequate to allow the safe continuance of play. As general guidance if the bunkers on the left side of the 1st fairway at approximately 200 yds from the Men's tee cannot be seen then play is not permitted.
 - b) **Lightning:** In the event of lightning in the area, every effort will be made to warn players to vacate the course. A siren operates with three blasts. Local conditions may prevent the siren being heard across the full course. However, all players must exercise due diligence and take the appropriate action under dangerous conditions.

Risk Assessment – 18 hole & 9 hole Courses

General

1. Be aware of golfers on adjacent holes, and also golfers immediately in front and on the same hole – if in doubt the player **MUST** shout the warning of 'FORE'
2. Be aware of Greenkeeping staff and machinery on the course. Give staff a chance to vacate the area.
3. Read the course notices displayed at the 1st and 11th tees and entry to the 9 hole course.
4. Users of 'buggies' should be aware of, and take precautions to reduce the dangers associated with a mechanically propelled vehicle. Drivers should be aware of the danger of being too close to severe slopes, bunkers etc.

Emergencies: Emergency vehicles enter through the main entrance and should be met and directed to the emergency. Club Rules require mobile phones to be switched off or to silent in the Clubhouse and on the course. However, they should be used to summon help in emergency situations by telephoning the Clubhouse 01284 755979 Opt 0 this will enable an "Emergency Alert" and call all phones in the clubhouse. Postcode: IP28 6LG.

Defibrillators are located at: 18 Hole on course Halfway House (Access code 354) & Main foyer in the clubhouse (near the changing rooms no code required) this is the nearest to the 9 Hole Course.

Specific: 18-hole Course

- a) Golfers on the Mens and Ladies 5th tees, should be aware of golfers on the 8th hole. Warning signs are in place.
- b) Golfers playing 11th & 12th holes to be aware of blind brow of hill.
- c) Golfers on the 8th hole, should be aware of golfers on the Mens and Ladies 5th tee. Warning signs are in place.
- d) Golfers playing the 18th hole, should be aware of Golfers on the practice ground to the right and the chipping/putting green in front of the Clubhouse.
- e) On the 18 hole course, there are huts providing shelter at the 1st, between the 3rd & 5th tees, and at the 11th tee.
- f) Water fountains are sited near the 5th tee, 11th tee and 15th green. (Summer only).

Specific: 9 hole Course

Hole 1 Beware golfers playing on the 8th tee and players from 9th hole – and the B1106 on left hand side

Hole 2 Beware golfers playing on the 7th green – and the B1106 on left hand side

Hole 3 Beware golfers playing down the 6th hole and 2nd green

Any shot that leaves the boundary on the left-hand side MUST be reported to the Pro Shop.

Hole 4 Beware golfers playing on the 5th tee and 6th hole on 3rd green

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Hole 5 Beware golfers playing on the 4th green and 6th tee

Hole 6 Beware golfers playing on the 5th green and main course on left – the 3rd, 4th, 7th and 8th

Hole 7 Beware golfers playing down the 2nd hole

Hole 8 Beware golfers on the 7th green and 6th and 9th holes – 1st green and overflow car park to right

Hole 9 Beware golfers on the 8th and practice ground on left hand side and overflow car park
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