

Freshwater Bay Golf Club Health & Safety Document

ACCIDENT/ EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

First Aid Assistance: In the event of an accident, first aid boxes are located behind the bar, in both greenkeeping workshops, and also the 4 X 4 Mitsubishi. There is also oxygen therapy available behind the bar.

Mobile Phones: Mobile Phones must be switched off in and around the Clubhouse and on the course. Their use is not permitted on the course except to summon help in the case of an accident / emergency.
Call the Clubhouse on 01983 752955 or the Emergency Services on 999 (the post code is PO40 9TZ)

Accident Reporting: All accidents must be reported to the Secretary for entry into the Accident Book.

COURSE RISK ASSESSMENT STATEMENT

The Golf Course Risk Assessment has been carried out on a hole-by-hole basis. To help minimise the risks from the hazards that have been identified it is your responsibility as a golfer, caddie or spectator on the course to ensure that you adhere strictly to the following:

You are advised to exercise caution at all times on the course in respect of identifying areas where you may be at potential risk of being hit by another golfer's ball, especially on those holes where the landing area is not clearly visible from the tee and areas where parallel fairways are played in opposing directions.
Particular care should be taken on the **1st, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th & 16th** holes.

Freshwater Bay Golf Course has many public rights of way sharing our land. Please remember that **USERS OF THE PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY HAVE PRIORITY AT ALL TIMES**. If there are people in range of your shot take a minute to enjoy the stunning scenery until they are out of range.

If a miss hit shot is heading in the direction of other people, you must shout "FORE!" in a loud voice to alert them of possible danger. If "FORE!" is heard when playing, please take evasive action if possible;

Players should not strike a golf ball when there is the risk of endangering other players, members of the Green Staff and all other users of the golf course & its surroundings.

Particular care should be taken on holes where the landing area of your shot is not clearly visible. Below is a list of shots identified as requiring extra caution, and the people at risk.

5th Hole: Tee shot	Users of the bridleway coming from behind the reservoir
7th Hole: Fairway shot over the mound	Golfers playing the 12 th as well as users of Tennyson Trail
8th Hole: Shot over the brow of the hill	Golfers playing the 11 th as well as users of Tennyson Trail
11th Hole: Tee shot	Golfers playing their approaches to the 8 th green
11th Hole: Shot over the brow of the hill	Golfers playing the 8 th as well as users of Tennyson Trail
12th Hole: Tee shot	Golfers playing the 7 th as well as users of Tennyson Trail
13th Hole: Tee shot	Golfers playing the 6 th hole
18th Hole: Shot to the green from over the pit	Users of the access road up to the Clubhouse

Animal Holes: Freshwater Bay Golf Club endeavour to fill in holes created by animals. However it is inevitable that there will be rabbit holes that can lead to sprained ankles or worse. These holes are particularly prevalent on the 4th, 8th & 11th fairways.

Buggies: Freshwater Bay Golf Club has buggies available for hire. Apart from these, the use of motorised ride-on buggies is permitted only by prior application to the Secretary. All buggies must be operated in accordance with our Golf Buggy Safety Policy (available on request). To help protect the grassland flora all buggies are to be kept out of the rough wherever it is practicable to do so.

Fertiliser and Insecticides etc: Do not lick golf balls or fingers. A notice on the 1st Tee will advise of days that chemicals have been used. Players are advised to take heed of the warnings and protect themselves.

Footwear: FBGC require golf shoes to be worn on the golf course as they help with avoiding slips; they also help your golf!

Greenkeepers: The green staff are regularly 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.

Insurance: Freshwater Bay Golf Club provides liability insurance to their members. This insurance is also extended to green fee paying visitors. However, all golfers must ensure that they are adequately insured in respect of the risks involved with the playing of golf.

Out of Bounds: Golf shots that are hit onto or beyond the Military Road on the 2nd hole, or into the neighbouring properties on the 18th hole are to be reported to the Secretary. You are strongly advised not to attempt to retrieve balls that are hit onto, or beyond the Military Road, into the sheep enclosures on the 4th, 6th, 7th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th & 17th holes and over the rabbit fencing on the 8th, 9th & 10th holes.

Practising: This is strictly limited to the Designated Practice Area of the Club. There is a notice located at the entrance to the practice area (just west of the practice nets) detailing the correct usage of the practice facilities. To ensure the safety of all users of the practice area, as well as other golfers and members of the public, these instructions must be adhered to.

Steep Banks, Slopes & Paths: Freshwater Bay Golf Course has too many steep banks, slopes and paths to list individually. At all times players should take care when walking up or down these, particularly when using golf buggies or trolleys. Adherence to the instructions detailed on the windscreens of the buggies is also essential in respect of minimising risks in this respect.

Steps: There are wooden sleeper steps to the greens on the 1st, 2nd, 11th, 12th & 13th holes and to the tees on the 5th & 13th holes. You are advised to use all steps on the course with caution, particularly in wet or icy conditions;

Wildlife: Players should be aware that there is a potential threat from wildlife such as wasps, bees and other biting insects on the course. Adders are also present on the golf course, and **urgent medical attention** should be sought if you suffer a venomous bite.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Darkness, rain, fog and ice: During inclement weather, the fact that the course has not been officially closed does not warrant that it is fit for play. Therefore, members and visitors should themselves determine whether they consider it safe to play. Players have a duty of care to behave in such a way that others may not be injured by their actions. They also have a duty of care to ensure that they do not injure themselves. All players play at their own risk and should do nothing to jeopardise the safety of themselves or others.

Lightning: It is the player's own responsibility to discontinue play when, in his/her opinion, a danger from lightning exists. In the event that a player is out on the golf course when lightning is about then the following safety considerations are advised:

1. KEEP AS LOW AS POSSIBLE AND IDEALLY CROUCH DOWN IN THE NEAREST BUNKER/HOLLOW
2. LEAVE YOUR GOLF EQUIPMENT WHERE IT IS AND STAND AWAY FROM IT.
3. DO NOT USE A MOBILE PHONE – MAKE SURE IT IS SWITCHED OFF
4. DO NOT PUT AN UMBRELLA UP IN ANY CIRCUMSTANCES

To help with the review process of our safety procedures all Members, Guests and Visitors are kindly requested to bring to the attention of the Secretary any incidents that happen on the golf course, or hazards they feel have not been addressed.