

Health and Safety on the Course

Below outlines some of the main hazards and risks whilst visiting Test Valley GC for both members and non-members. It does not contain a full list of hazards but will contain the most common risks.

All golfers are responsible for themselves, playing partners and any other golfer/visitor.

On the Course

- Golfers must always be mindful of their group & other groups on the course. Please ensure your playing partners are standing in a position away from where they may get hit by a club or ball.
- No golfer should play until the group ahead are out of range and it is safe to do so, extra care must be taken when visibility is poor.
 - During a thick fog, the golf shop staff have the right to suspend play, please check in with the pro-shop before starting your round.
 - As a rule of thumb, if the single tree in the middle of the 1st fairway cannot be seen from the tee box. DO NOT play your shot. This is extremely dangerous as greenkeepers/golfers could be in that area.
- Please ensure that any wayward shot is followed by a shout of "FORE", even if your view is obscured by trees (golfers may be there that you cannot see)
- If greenkeepers are working on a specific area of the course, DO NOT play until they have acknowledged you & moved to one side. If your ball is flying towards them, you must shout "FORE" just incase they cannot see where your ball is flying.
- Please consider the conditions of the course when walking up or down steep tee banks and mounds. Many of these can be very slippery when wet.
- On some tees and into bunkers, we have wooden sleeper steps, these can be very slippery with the slightest bit of moisture. Please take extra care when using these steps.
- Our lightning procedure is also available on a different document on our website.

First Aid & Defibrillator

- In the event of an injury or accident, first aid kits are located in the pro-shop, bar and kitchen.
- The defibrillator is located in the clubhouse bar.
- Should you require any assistance on the course, please contact a member of staff by calling 01256 771737, this number is also on the scorecard. Please report any accidents or injuries to the General Manager as soon as possible.

Car Park

- Please be careful when driving around the car park. Due to the pedestrianized nature of a golf club car park, golfers will constantly be walking up and down. Please use the designated one-way system when entering and exiting. Exiting the wrong way results in a blind bend into oncoming traffic entering the golf club.
- During the winter, the car park may get very slippery due to ice. Paths and walkways will be gritted when possible.

Chemicals and Fertilisers

- Please be careful as greenkeepers regularly use different chemicals and fertilisers to keep our playing surfaces the best condition all year round. Always wash your hands when possible, especially after play & avoid eating before this has been done.

Buggies

Each and every golfer that hires a buggy should adhere to the following guidelines. They must also be familiar with how the buggies work (forward, reverse, braking). To ensure this, we may need to see proof of a driving license or proof of age.

- Please take care when driving around the car park and walkways, golfers may be walking around. All of our buggies are electric powered and can be very quiet.
- Always consider the weather conditions when driving around the course. Please do not slam on the brakes if it isn't needed, this will cause the buggy to slide. This will put you in danger and will also damage the course. Always allow extra braking distance to ensure the safety of all on the course.
- Always engage the parking brake when you leave the buggy or are at a stop.
- Please DO NOT drive on any of the greens, tee boxes or between the green and greenside bunkers.
- Please aim to avoid driving closer than 1.5m - 2m to bunkers, greens, tees and ponds.
- Please aim to avoid driving in the long, thick rough between holes. Wildlife, tree stumps and holes could be hidden.
- Please use all hard paths wherever provided.
- Please do not exceed the carrying capacity of buggies, either by extra passengers or extra bags.