

# Golf Course Risk assessment

<b>Golf Club</b>	York Golf Range - Course
<b>Risk Assessment</b>	Golf Course - Users
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**This risk assessment covers the main hazards associated with the golf course, primarily from the Golfer's perspective. The hazard profile attached shows which hazards are specific to particular areas of the course and grounds.**

Adverse Weather Conditions	Golfers and Greenstaff could be injured. Risks include: - Being struck by lightning Being struck by falling debris, such as branches Restricted visibility increasing the risk of being struck by a golf ball	There exists a golf course closure policy for use in adverse weather conditions, such as lightning, high winds or fog.				
Golfers in range but out of sight	Golfers, Greenstaff and others risk injury by being hit by a golf ball.	Holes with "blind shots" are equipped with an all-clear bell. Hole 7. Procedures for using bells are incorporated into local rules. Signs are erected warning of the danger and the use of bells.				
Holes in close proximity	Golfers, Greenstaff and others risk injury by being hit by a golf ball.	Minimum safety envelope and 15° zone surveys carried to assess areas where golfers come into closer range. Clear instruction is given to golfers regarding who has priority etc.	Course safety sign reminds golfers about safe play.			
Bridges	"Golfer, Greenstaff and others are at risk of injuries such as cuts, bruises, grazes, sprains or fractures resulting from slips on wet surfaces, trips on uneven surfaces and falls.  Where bridges are used by vehicles, including buggies, there is a risk of overturning by falling off the edge of a bridge."	Bridges are surfaced with non-slip a non-slip material. Handrails and buffers are installed where there is a risk of falling from a height. Bridges are kept clear of vegetation and fallen leaves. Greenstaff have a timetable of inspection and routine maintenance. Periodic maintenance includes use of pressure washers and algaecide to prevent slippery surfaces.	Warning signs are erected, to notify users of potential risks.			
Water Hazards	Golfers, Greenstaff and others are at risk of drowning or contracting water borne diseases, such as Leptospirosis and Legionnaire's disease	Pond by first tee and between 6th and 7th fairway. Deep Water warning signs and life bouy with rope. Ditch running in front of 8th green and 9th tee. Yellow markers.	Sign to warn golfers not to traverse steep side of ditch to collect lost ball.			

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Public Access	Members of the public are less likely to be aware of the risks present on a golf course and are consequently at greater risk of being hit by a golf ball, buggy or maintenance vehicle	<p>Signs have been erected, warning walkers and ramblers of the danger from golf balls and from work equipment and activities.</p> <p>Golfers are aware to afford walkers priority and not play if anyone is in range.</p>	Course safety sign makes reference to paths and the need to afford public priority.			
Adjacent Road	<p>Members of the public are at risk of being hit by a golf ball - in the case of drivers, this may cause traffic accidents.</p> <p>Golfers and greenstaff are at risk of being struck by a car (especially where a road crosses the course).</p>	Only a dirt track used by farm vehicles. Farm workers told to be aware of golfers when using the track.				

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Road crossings	<p>Members of the public are at risk of being hit by a golf ball - in the case of drivers, this may cause traffic accidents.</p> <p>Golfers and greenstaff are at risk of being struck by a car (especially where a road crosses the course).</p>	No road crossings				
Slopes, banks and ditches - rollover hazard	Users of Golf buggies or All-terrain vehicles risk being trapped or crushed as a result of overturning vehicles when being driven on slopes	<p>Users of golf buggies are made aware of particular hazards around the golf course as part of buggy induction.</p> <p>Users of golf buggies are made aware of the risks associated with buggy use and the correct operating instructions, as part of buggy induction.</p> <p>Specific routes, suitable for buggies, are defined and provided on laminated print out in window of buggy</p>				

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Steps	Golfers, greenstaff and others risk injuries, including bruising, grazing, sprains and fractures as a result of slips, trips and falls.	No steps				
Paths	Golfers, greenstaff and others risk injuries, including bruising, grazing, sprains and fractures as a result of slips, trips and falls.	<p>Paths are subject to periodic inspection to detect early deterioration in their condition and initiate early repair and/or refurbishment.</p> <p>Paths are well maintained and kept clear of vegetation where possible.</p> <p>Paths are constructed of appropriate materials.</p>				

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Bunkers	<p>Golfers and greenstaff risk injury as a result of overturning buggies or ATVs into bunkers.</p> <p>There is a risk of falling, especially into particularly steep sided or deep bunkers.</p>	<p>Defined buggy routes avoid steep sided bunkers.</p> <p>Consideration has been given to altering steep bunkers, to provide a safe means of access and egress.</p>				
Golf buggies (usage)	<p>Golfers can be injured by being crushed or trapped as a result of overturning a buggy into a bunker, ditch or on a steep gradient etc.</p> <p>There is also a risk of injury to drivers, other golfers, pedestrians and greenstaff, as a result of collisions.</p>	<p>A 'Golf Buggy Safety Policy' has been devised and is issued to, read by and signed by all prospective users, before a buggy is hired and taken onto the course. The policy includes:</p> <p>A minimum driving experience e.g. 'full driving licence' etc., produced before hire.</p> <p>Guidance on specific routes to be followed and details of areas where buggies MUST NOT be driven e.g. tees, greens, within 2 metres of bunkers or slopes leading to them, within 2 metres of any water hazard.</p> <p>General guidance on operation of the buggies e.g. controls (accelerator, foot brake, parking brake, reversing control), driving on slopes, speed limit etc.</p> <p>Details of any local hazards specific to the course and based on prevailing conditions.</p>	<p>Course safety sign includes the need to adhere to the buggy policy</p>			

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Vehicles	Golfers and other pedestrians could be hit by a moving vehicle or ejected debris, such as from greens maintenance machinery.	<p>Greens maintenance work is scheduled to minimize contact between vehicles and golfers.</p> <p>Consideration is given to closing parts of the course, during certain greens maintenance works.</p> <p>Access to areas with high traffic (around greens workshops), by pedestrians and non-essential personnel, is restricted and defined as "Out of Bounds".</p> <p>There are clearly designated routes for traffic on and off the course. Greenstaff are aware of such routes.</p>				
Hazardous substances	Ingestion, inhalation of vapours and dusts and skin absorption on contact with pesticides and fungicides.	Temporary notices are erected, informing Golfers that treatments have been recently applied on the course.				

