

Hazard Identification Checklist

Often, when trying to make a place or activity safe we subconsciously identify hazards that could cause harm, put controls in place and then get on with our business. If you aim to do this for your cricket club that includes a pavilion, grounds keeping shed, cricket pitch and nets as well as all the wide-ranging tasks you conduct throughout the season then this can appear overwhelming.

It is suggested you approach this in a methodical way that allows you to take on the task in bite size chunks, e.g., divide your cricket club into manageable areas such as the clubhouse, the grounds shed and the cricket ground. Then using your experience and imagination walk around taking note of anything that could cause harm, a Hazard. Be critical, you can discard insignificant hazards later.

Below is a checklist, while not exhaustive it may help point you in the right direction. Every cricket club is different so expect different hazards. Include your own in the check list below.

Clubhouse	Yes/No
Structure – general condition of fixtures and fittings, trip hazards, safe access and egress including in emergencies.	
Electricity – general condition, inspection frequency, extension cables, portable appliance testing	
Gas – general condition of equipment, gas boiler serviced, naked flames, storage of gas bottles	
Lighting – well lit, restricted access to unlit areas	
Storage cupboards – racking secure, are items stored above head height, is it well lit	
Kitchen – slippery surface, hot surfaces, fire risk, hygiene, sharp implements	
Bar – slippery surfaces, hygiene, broken glass	
Chemicals – cleaning fluids	
Legionella - showers	
Asbestos – location, condition, restricted access	
Fire- prevention, detection, evacuation	
First aid – suitable provision, first aid box	
General housekeeping	
Manual Handling tasks – site screens, furniture, beer barrels etc	
Other	
Grounds Shed – in addition to those above	Yes/No
Secure, so as not to be a hazard to others	
Racking – secure, items stored safely	
Chemicals – use, storage, first aid plan	
Flammable liquids – correctly stored	
Fire hazards – hot surfaces, fuel storage, etc	
Other	

Grounds, Cricket Pitch & Nets	Yes/No
Public access	
Other users (multi sports)	
Uneven surfaces	
Site screens – wind loading – are public at risk?	
Practice Nets – Secure, no holes, flat slip free surface	
Boundary – 2.78m distance from obstacles (Site screen, fencing, roads etc)	
Covers/Site screens – manual handling	
Other	

Activities	Yes/No
Use and maintenance of Machinery	
Use and maintenance of Tools	
Chemicals - use, storage, first aid	
Hand Arm Vibration Syndrome (HAVS)	
Working around others	
Noise	
Lone working	
Manual handling	
Rolling	
Mowing	
Strimming	
Tining	
Refuelling machinery	
Other	

Having conducted your hazard identification, you now want to assess the risk of those hazard actually causing harm. As before, break down your risk assessments into manageable chunks.