

# CUMANN LUTHCHLEAS GAEL SAFETY GUIDELINES FOR GROUNDS

## GOALS

- Transportable temporary goals to be of such a design and construction as to prevent accidental overturning, notwithstanding that the overturning might be occasioned by horseplay.
- Concrete blocks or other protruding objects must not be used to stabilise temporary goals.
- All goalposts to be constructed and erected in accordance with design contained in Club Manual.

## BUILDINGS GENERALLY

- Examine all buildings and structures to ensure their stability.
- Check the integrity of gate and door mountings.
- If a building has a roof light or perspex roof panel fitted, take steps (by removal or making safe otherwise) to prevent persons, who might be on the roof for whatever reason, from falling through same.

## CONSTRUCTION WORK

- All construction operatives must have a FAS SafePass Card.
- Clubs/County Boards, (CLIENT), undertaking projects, excluding routine maintenance, cleaning, decorating and repair within or to a structure, must appoint a Project Supervisor for Design Process (PSDP), and a Project Supervisor for Construction Stage (PSCS), who are competent and have adequate resources, in order to comply with the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Construction) Regulations 2006.
- The Client (Club/Co Board) must notify the Health and Safety Authority of the appointment of the PSDP on Form AF1, before the design process begins.
- The PSCS so appointed must notify the Health and Safety Authority of the date of commencement of the project on Statutory Form AF2, if those projects last more than 30 days or 500 man-hours.
- Co Boards/Clubs are the clients in this case and must protect themselves by ensuring the appointment of both competent PSDP and PSCS.

## ASBESTOS

- If asbestos materials are present in a building determine if the material is damaged, cracked or degrading.
- Be aware that asbestos roof sheeting is extremely fragile and lacking in tensile strength.
- Ensure persons are denied access to any roof sheeted with asbestos.
- Do not attempt to repair damaged asbestos sheeting/cladding.
- All work involving removal of asbestos materials must be done by a competent contractor, and strictly in compliance with the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work (Exposure to Asbestos) Regulations, 2006 including Plan of Work.
- 14 day notification of intention to remove asbestos material may need to be sent to the Health and Safety Authority.
- Asbestos sheeting can only be disposed of in KTK, Kildare.

## FLOODLIGHTING

- All erection, repairs, and, replacement of fittings, to be done by competent persons with SafePass Cards.
- Mobile Elevating Work Platforms (MEWP) to have certificates of test and examination.
- Teleporters and MEWP's to be used only in accordance with manufacturer's instructions which will preclude working on sloping ground.
- If these machines are fitted with outriggers then the outriggers must be deployed before machine is put into use.
- Teleporters to be operated only by FAS approved operators.
- Never use the bucket of an excavator, or a pallet on forklifts, for carrying persons for any purpose.

## WORK AT HEIGHTS

- Work must be properly planned and supervised and be carried out in a safe manner.
- Planning includes selection of work equipment, and, planning for emergency and rescue.
- Ladders may only be used for low risk work of short duration or due to existing features on site.
- Ladders when so used must be stable, prevented from slipping, rise above the landing area, and, enable the user to maintain a secure handhold.

## SCOREBOARDS

- Safe access/egress and working platforms, must be provided for all scoreboards.

## ELECTRICITY

- Electrical work to be undertaken only by a qualified electrician.
- Ensure all socket outlets are protected by current operated circuit breakers.
- Consult the ESB in relation to ESB lines should the lines pose a hazard to the safe use of the grounds.

## PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

- All PPE such as safety helmets, eye protection, hearing protection, hand protection must be provided where necessary by the Club for persons working on behalf of the Club i.e. strimming etc.

## SCAFFOLDING

- All scaffolding must only be erected by a FAS approved Scaffolder.



## SAFETY STATEMENT

- The employer of persons including the sponsor of persons, must prepare a Safety Statement or abide by the relevant codes of practice in accordance with the Safety, Health & Welfare Work Act 2005.
- The Safety Statement should –
  - (a) record the hazards at the grounds
  - (b) contain a risk assessment indicating if the hazard is high, medium, or, low risk
  - (c) show the remedy proposed to obviate the risk.
- See Template.

## MACHINERY

- Grass cutting machinery, tractors, rollers and ground maintenance machinery generally, must be in good. Mechanical order and fitted with all appropriate guards.
- Power take off shafts (PTO's) must always be fully guarded.

## GROUND GENERALLY

- Eliminate, in as far as is practicable, all obstacles that might give rise to slips, trips and falls i.e. uneven surfaces, badly maintained steps etc., toilets (wet floors).
- Machinery, Mobile Goals and Advertising Signs must be placed so as not to present danger to players.
- Perimeter fencing must be placed so as not to present danger to players.
- Flag poles (marking pitch) must be of a flexible material.
- Remove all barbed wire.
- Ensure terracing crush barriers are well mounted.
- Check all walls for structural cracking and repair where necessary.
- Do not use Lime or Creosote to mark out pitches.
- Store all herbicides, pesticides and other chemicals in a locked container. To be used by competent person.
- Ensure that wells and septic tanks are adequately fenced off.
- Eliminate risk of rodent infestation by good housekeeping and prevent accumulation of litter.
- If ball-stoppers are not in place, ensure there is adequate stewarding around the back of goal areas during the pre-match warm-up period to prevent spectators passing or standing behind the goals, being struck by balls.
- At least one hour before match check grounds for dangerous objects like broken bottles, or other articles, that may have been thrown into the grounds by others.
- Ensure dugouts are clean and free from dangerously defective seating.
- Catering facilities where provided must be properly maintained.
- If Club has a Bar licence ensure that competent personnel are in control at all times.
- Vehicle speed ramps where provided to be properly identified.

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