

HOVE AND KINGSWAY BOWLING CLUB

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Hove and Kingsway Bowling Club is a family-friendly, not-for-profit club that provides a welcoming and safe environment for everyone. Our mission is to serve the local community by offering opportunities to play bowls at all levels, from beginner to competitive, while also providing a friendly social space to support health, connection, and wellbeing. The club is run primarily by volunteers from our membership, and we're proud of the inclusive, community-driven spirit that underpins everything we do.

The health and safety of all members, guests and staff who use the Club facilities is always our paramount concern. The General Purposes Committee recognises that achieving and maintaining high standards of safety requires that the Club's Management Committee, members, visitors and contractors are aware of and discharge their respective responsibilities. The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, and associated legislation, requires all members, including contractors working on the Club premises, to conduct themselves in such a manner as to ensure that they pose no risk to their own or any other person's health and safety.

HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICY IMPLEMENTATION

To support our Health and Safety Policy Club Members must recognise their duties under the Health and Safety legislation. All members must endeavour to meet the requirements of the legislation to ensure that they maintain a safe and healthy environment for all club members, users, staff and contractors.

The Club, as far as is reasonably practicable, has the duty to ensure the following:

- To provide and maintain a safe environment, safe systems and activities, safe equipment and a healthy and safe operational environment, by taking the appropriate protective and preventative measures.
- To ensure that hazards are identified and regular assessment of risk is undertaken and recorded
- To provide information, instruction and training as is necessary to ensure members, staff and visitors are assured of a safe environment.
- To record any injuries or accidents sustained during any club activity or whilst on club premises
- To provide adequate first aid facilities

As a Club Member you have a duty to:

- Take reasonable care for your own health and safety and that of others, who may be affected by what you do / do not do.
- Co-operate with the Club on health and safety issues
- Correctly use all equipment provided by the club

- Not interfere with or misuse anything provided for your health, safety or welfare.

CLUB HEALTH AND SAFETY OFFICER

Mike Mendoza, Vice Chair, Hove and Kingsway Bowling Club.

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FIRST AID

- First Aid facilities are located on the wall at the west entrance, adjacent to the toilet wing.

RESPONSIBLE PERSON FOR FIRST AID EQUIPMENT

- Maggie Dempsey

DEFIBRILLATOR

A defibrillator is provided by the patrons of Babble and is located on the sea facing wall adjacent to the toilets and shower block.

QUALIFIED FIRST AIDERS

Several of our members have qualified as first aiders in the past, but because of age, qualification and insurance costs, are not current certificate holders. We also have members who work as, or have worked as, health professionals.

Hove and Kingsway Bowling Club is an amateur club run entirely by volunteers. It can be accessed by members at any time and members can play at any time from dawn until dusk during the season without notice. This means it would be impractical to ensure there is a first aider in attendance at all times. Members are aware of the first aid provision and of what to do in an emergency. The first aid box is in clear view and easily accessible to all who need it.