

## **CROFTON BOWLING CLUB FIRE SAFETY**

Fareham Borough Council recently requested the club to carry out a fire risk assessment. The assessment was carried out by a professional risk assessor and we have put into place the recommendations made by that assessor.

We now have three types of fire extinguisher on site and it is important to be familiar with the differences between the three and where they are situated.

In case of fire do not put yourselves or others in danger. Evacuate the premises and dial 999.

### **THE KITCHEN AREA.**

In the kitchen area we have a foam extinguisher, a CO2 extinguisher and a fire blanket.

### **MAIN CLUBHOUSE**

The main clubhouse contains Water and CO2 extinguishers.

### **ROYAL BOX.**

The Royal Box contains a Water extinguisher normally, but the extinguisher has been moved to the Ladies changing room for the duration of the Covid Crofton Bowling Scheme and will be returned to the Royal Box when we return to normal operation.

Below is a guide to the uses of each different type of extinguisher.

### **WATER EXTINGUISHER.**

The standard water extinguisher (label colour red) is for use on fires containing paper, timber, soft furnishings, textiles etc. IT MUST NOT BE USED ON ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT, FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS OR FAT FIRES.

### **FOAM EXTINGUISHER.**

The foam extinguisher (label colour cream) can be used on fires containing paper, timber, textiles, soft furnishings etc, flammable liquids and electrical equipment, BUT MUST NOT BE USED ON FAT FIRES.

## CO2 EXTINGUISHER.

The CO2 extinguisher (label colour black) is for use on electrical equipment and flammable liquids, but NOT FAT FIRES.

CO2 and FOAM extinguishers should only be used on electrical equipment with current flowing through that equipment as a last resort. There is a risk that the extinguisher will empty and the fire will flare up worse than before if the current remains on.

If you notice an electrical fire, AND IT IS SAFE TO DO SO, switch off the current to the electrical equipment at the relevant wall switch, or by switching off the main electrical supply switch in the grey box, in the white cupboard, at the bar end of the clubhouse.

Please remember that a CO2 extinguisher works by starving the fire of oxygen and it will also destroy the oxygen in the vicinity of the fire, so should only be used in a well-ventilated room where a means of escape to fresh air is available.

Do not hold the black nozzle of a CO2 extinguisher when operating it, as the nozzle becomes very cold to the point of freezing.

## FIRE BLANKET

A fire blanket, situated in the kitchen area is available for use on fat fires.

## EVACUATION PROCEDURE.

Vacate the premises and tell others to do the same, proceed to the evacuation assembly point, which is BY THE COMMUNITY CENTRE, and dial 999. If the fire is electrical tell the operator, to the best of your knowledge, whether the current is on or off. Do not lock the main gate.

Crofton Bowling Club.

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