

How safe is your sporting surface?



Many sportsgrounds have deteriorated due to recent drought conditions & associated water restrictions.

Grounds can also become excessively boggy in winter due to poor soil type and inadequate drainage.

Hard or soft grounds & poor surface conditions may lead to an increased risk of injuries.

We have conducted over 3,000 ground safety audits for councils & schools over the last few years

To manage your risk, can you afford NOT to have your grounds independently assessed?



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Independent assessment of grounds has several benefits.

1. Management tool

- *Highlights potential issues so that remedial action can be taken prior to having to close a ground because it is unsafe.*
- *Allows monitoring of a ground's condition to see if it is deteriorating or remaining constant.*
- *Allows early 'minor' works to be undertaken, thus avoiding expensive, major works.*

2. Pro-active risk management strategy

- *By having a system of regular ground inspections in place will help reduce Council's insurance premium.*
- *If there is a claim you need to be able to demonstrate that you have good maintenance schedules & regular ground monitoring in place (ie. a paper trail)*

3. Goodwill with sporting groups

- *Council is seen to be looking after sporting groups by having processes in place to minimise ground closures and disruptions to sporting fixtures and training.*

SportsTurf Consultants can help in several ways by;

1. Conducting independent ground safety audits

- *Measurement of surface hardness using the Clegg Impact Hammer*
- *Visual assessment of the playing surface condition including grass cover, surface evenness, stability, presence of cracks & holes, damage due to machinery etc.*
- *Comprehensive report that highlights grounds that have high injury potential and require remedial action*

2. Development of internal ground assessment procedures

- *Working with Councils existing procedures and resources, a comprehensive ground assessment package can be developed for use by operators (mowing crew), supervisors and sporting groups.*
- *The package developed is designed to meet Council's requirements, be easy to use, provide useful management information and be an important part of a proactive risk management strategy.*

3. Training of staff and sporting groups (ground users) in risk management issues associated with sportsgrounds and all aspects of ground inspection

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