

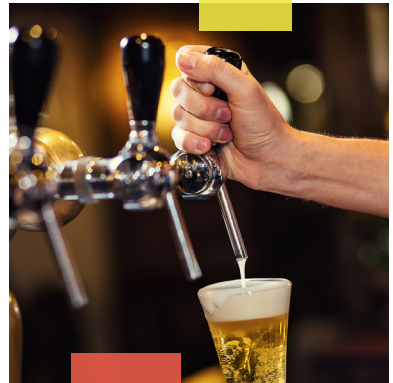


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CRICKET CLUB SECURITY



HOW TO
IMPLEMENT
ANTI-SOCIAL
BEHAVIOUR
PROTECTION
AND SECURITY
MEASURES



FOREWORD

The majority of cricket clubs are less active over winter and are more vulnerable to theft and malicious damage.

There are many ways in which a cricket clubs can reduce risks; the following outlines some of the measures available to clubs along with a brief case history from one of our clients.

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INTRODUCTION

Cricket clubs are vibrant community hubs, important to cultural heritage and wellbeing. However, they are also prone to a variety of risks; from theft to vandalism. Replacing equipment and buildings repairs are costly for clubs, often resulting in insurance claims and a period of business interruption. Combatting these outcomes is crucial for the confidence and financial security of the cricket community.

The nature of cricket demands a range of machinery and equipment on hand. Independent on the level of club, grassroots to county league, expensive ground maintenance equipment and vehicles will be on site throughout the cricketing season. In the off season, clubs tend to lock their equipment away or send it off for annual maintenance. This winter lockdown, as it's known, where cricket clubs lock away their equipment and leave the premises for months at a time – has been identified as a prime area for theft and vandalism.

Therefore, the security during winter of the premises and machinery needs to be prioritised and highlighted. With this in mind, Club Insure have detailed actionable objectives towards cricket club security.

At Club Insure, we are dedicated to the protection and safeguarding of sports and social clubs. This account of preventative measures and objectives should prove useful for cricket club owners and operators. We aim to provide both guidance and ideas on how to better equip your cricket club for winter, and the risks which more commonly arise in the off season.



EQUIPMENT AND STOCK AT RISK

Thieves and vandals will see unsecure cricket clubs as an open buffet of high-value machinery and equipment. Some of the equipment we see claims for include:

- Bowling machines
- Fitness and Coaching materials
- Pitch & outfield mowers
- Crease and Line marking equipment
- Boundary markers and ropes
- Pitch rollers - hand and motorised
- Sightscreens & mobile pitch covers
- First Aid equipment including defibrillators
- Wines & spirits

Each of these items should be marked with the club's name or postcode where possible. A cricket club's asset register could be much more extensive, and should be updated regularly. The inventory is important information for the club and insurers, it's a source of invaluable information in the event of a claim and can ensure that sums insured are accurate.

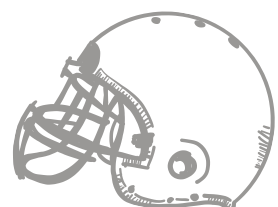


HSE'S SPORTS CLUB HEALTH AND SAFETY LAWS

Staying up to date with HSE health and safety laws is critical for safeguarding clubs. Health and Safety laws apply to both employers and volunteers, and involves what is reasonably practical.

As new equipment is introduced, so too are new health and safety regulations. Equipment have their own recommendations attached, and upon improving security measures clubs will need to be implement parallel procedures.

Safety planning is how clubs show they are following HSE health and safety laws. A sports club checklist is available, helping clubs assess their proportionate level of risk and take appropriate measures to improve safety.



SHED AND STORAGE SECURITY



Protecting the club's assets, tools and equipment, is of critical importance. Cricket clubs often place their most valuable assets in secure storage away from the grounds over winter. The winter lockdown at the club mainly safeguards ground equipment, sports equipment, tools and various bits and bobs. Even so, loss or damage to this equipment is costly and can be frustrating to replace. Cricket clubs often house these assets over winter in vulnerable sheds without much security. Performing a review of your storage security this winter will be key for cricket clubs.

There are various solutions to improving storage security. Reinforced doors with padlocks are a popular solution, adding as many layers as possible to your security. Bandit cages are an extra defence against petty criminals who manage to enter the storage facility. Secure the roof and windows with reinforced glass or boarded up sections. Bolt locks are ideal with metal fastenings and hinges. Then to deter criminals, visible burglar alarms, CCTV, security lights and signage is important.

The main aim is to create a storage facility that won't give way after a sharp kick from an attacker. Unwanted entry will then require loud noises or a length of time, making discovery and deterrent of the attackers more likely. Lookout for corrosion and any weak spots attackers may exploit.

Mark your equipment with an identifier for the club, either with paint or an engraving. However, if you do this, consider the warranty of any equipment and always protect paintwork with a cover of varnish or similar after marking.

Safeguarding your storage from the weather is also imperative. Review for leaks and insulate your shed. Repair any damage or lost tiles and ensure it's not placed in an area likely to be hit by flooding. Animals are also attracted to sheds and buildings for shelter during winter. Inspect the flooring and walls for holes, check the timbers up high for perches or nests, and clear out dead leaves.

It's worth noting, as the police advise, if a professional criminal wants to enter your premises and get at assets, they will. Therefore, insurance against criminal damages is essential and can save cricket clubs a fortune.

CLUBHOUSE AND PAVILION SECURITY



New technologies are available on the market with the specific aim of protecting clubhouses and small business premises. These technologies may seem like overkill if your clubhouse only possess cups, tea bags, and the odd plastic chair – however would your cricket club be able to operate without it's HQ? So it deserves to be protected.

Whether your clubhouse is large with a few valuable wares inside and used for external events, or small and only used on match days, keeping it maintained is vital for your club's welfare and reputation.

All doors and windows need to fit properly and in good repair. This will help to keep in heat and keep out intruders. Locks and restrictors are necessary, ensuring entrances cannot be opened from the outside. Shutters also offer an additional layer of protection.

Passive Infrared lighting are becoming more popular, offering an alternative way to monitor nearby motion. It uses pyroelectric sensors to detect heat energy in the surrounding area. It's a sure-fire way of implementing a cost effective lighting system that works at all times of day. Lights should be placed high up where they are difficult to be smashed. This installation makes your clubhouse appear less risk-free for offenders, and can be paired with other devices should as motion detecting alarms and strobe lights.

Each building on your premises, the clubhouse, scoreboard and equipment shed need to be connected to the main alarm system. This will help to alarm the main groundsman and club owners upon a breach of security. These individuals have a responsibility to maintain the security systems, including replacing batteries, testing alarms and checking door and window preparedness.

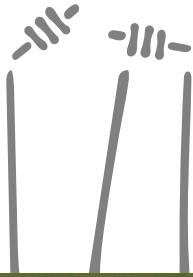
SECURITY WITHIN THE CLUBHOUSE



Identifying your valuables, the targets potential looters are looking for, will be key to their protection. Think of documents, money, expensive technology and tools. Protect these by implementing bandit cages, and extra layer of security which can only be access by members. Reinforced metal lockers are an ideal way of adding extra protection, with updated locks.

Indoor security measures on the edge of technology include invisible solutions that can be used to identify items if stolen and recovered by glowing a distinct colour under UV light - this means that property can instantly be identified as stolen, so will deter theft.

Security fog systems are harmless vapours that fill the room on the activation of an alarm, they provide a smokescreen, blocking intruders, causing concern and warding them off. It can be expensive, but due to it being used not very often, only on specific occasions where damage is likely to happen, a security fog system can be a great option for proactive clubs.



CAR PARK SECURITY

Employers and club owners have a duty of care when it comes to car parks and the car parking environment.

By Law, every car park and traffic route must be safe and suitable for the people and vehicles using them. This involves signs which are easy to understand, obvious, well maintained and reflective for view in darkness. Speed restrictions of signs, obstacles and bumps need to be well maintained. Signs in particular are essential for informing users of permits required, potential fines, opening times, lockdown time and speed limits.

The car park should be well lit with consistent artificial lighting in place. If entrances and exits use a gate, this needs to be padlocked with a secure chain. Automatic gates are an option, as are electric bollards.

Motorcycle and bicycle parking areas should also be provided.



EXAMPLE OF HOW TO IMPROVE CRICKET GROUND SECURITY

At Club Insure, we've seen an increase in theft and vandalism claims. We thought it relevant to ask one of our clients to provide examples on their recent security improvements.

This cricket club client recently experienced two serious theft claims over a 2 year period. Both claims involved significant payment being made as a result of theft and malicious damage.

Following the two claims a representative of the club showed us round the cricket grounds, explaining the additional measures they've taken to improve the security.

A perimeter has been created around the net bay facility. This V mesh green fencing is over two meters high and concrete buried into the ground. This will deter any vandalism or misuse of the cricket nets, the clubs has also implemented a sign in and out system, monitoring the use of the nets in case damage is inflicted by members.





The fencing is protected by CCTV and appropriate signage is present. CCTV is now standard across all publicly accessible locations and is something insurers look out for. This CCTV will help provide first-hand evidence to backup any claim made concerning this fencing.



An expected sight on any door or fence, a padlock will help present your club as risk adverse. This club have an open shackle padlock installed which is code protected. Having a code which is not easily guessable, such as 1066 or 1234, is advised.



It is important for a club to ensure it can comply with the insurers minimum security requirements. If you require any guidance on security requirements please do not hesitate to contact Club Insure.



The cricket club have reinforced their scoreboard. Loss of equipment in the scoreboard previously had an impact the club, so they have taken steps to improve security.

They've implemented metal gates to secure the weaknesses of the buildings and the doors. This improvement acts as a deterrent to individuals, and is one of the more costly fixtures for the cricket club. When asked if they'd seen value in this change, the representative agreed because of the saving in insurance premium over the last few years.

Just before installing these guards, the club saw two claims involving their scoreboard in the space of 12 months. It's what inspired them to make these changes and help keep costs down.

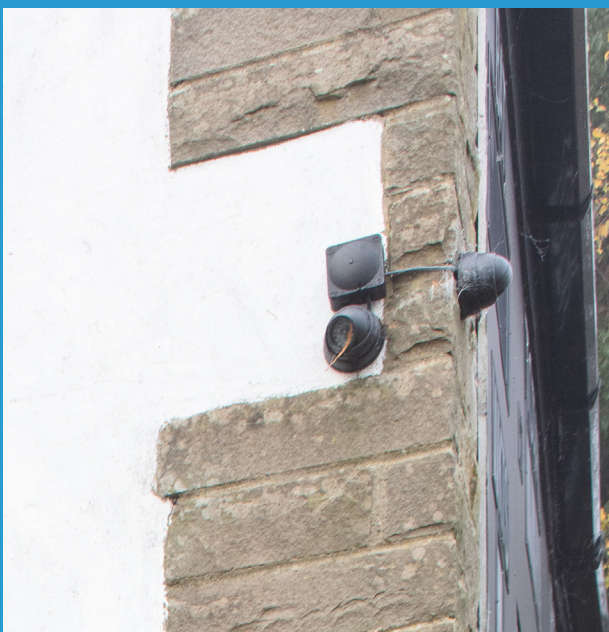
All cricket clubs will have pitch covers and sight screens. Ensuring these are stripped, tied down and secured during winter months to protect against the weather. Secure them against a building or wall would be optimal, which is a tip we passed on to the representative.





Continued checks are key. Members should visit the ground regularly throughout the winter months when the cricket club is not in use.

Here the representative of the club shows us where damage has been corrected. Be it from vandalism or deterioration over time, damage in brickwork needs to be corrected before it gets worse. Water damage will cause an expensive claim, and more claims increase the cost of premiums.



Monitor your clubs throughout the winter months with high definition CCTV surveillance. New technology allows you to receive notifications when motion is detected. This will save your club some electricity and from having to reel through hours of footage. It also allows for rapid response times if vandals trigger sensors on your premises. This club has CCTV all over the grounds and on the perimeters, helping to deter potential attackers.



The representative also assures us that no valuables are kept in the clubhouse over the winter lockdown. The clubhouse is secured with a reinforced door and double lock. The club is hoping to expand the clubhouse, make a larger bar, and update the women's changing room facilities. They have been able to build a reserve of cash (not kept on the premises) due to their effective security measures, affordable premiums with Club Insure and successful claim pay-outs through our claims team.



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