



SAFETY STATEMENT

SECTION 20

SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE AT WORK ACT 2005

CLUB NAME: Gort GAA Club **ADDRESS:** Laughtyshaughnessy, Gort, Co. Galway.

This Safety Statement is our programme in writing to manage health and safety. It is aimed at protecting our employees and all users from accidents and ill-health while at work. It is also aimed at providing the safest facilities for our players and mentors insofar as is reasonably practicable. We will provide a safe place of work for our employees / users and those affected by our work and will provide any guards, protective equipment, information, training and supervision necessary to protect our employees. This Safety Statement is available to employees / users of our facilities. We will update it as necessary and review it at least once a year.

EMERGENCY CONTACTS DETAILS

Description	Name	Contact No.
Chairman	Martin Kerins	(085) 1741802
Secretary	Gerry Sheehan	(087) 2507320
Treasurer	Patrick Loughnane	(086) 3000526
Doctor	Dr. Raymond Piggott, The Surgery, Church St., Gort.	(091) 632595
Gardaí	An Garda Síochána, Barrack St., Gort.	(091) 636407
Emergency Services (Ambulance, Fire Brigade etc.)		999

GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF PREVENTION – THIRD SCHEDULE

Gort GAA Club will comply with Schedule 3 of the Safety, Health and Welfare at Work Act 2005 by:

- (1) The avoidance of risks.
- (2) The evaluation of unavoidable risks.
- (3) The combating of risks at source.



(4) The adaptation of work to the individual, especially as regards the design of the **Gort GAA Club** place of work, the choice of work equipment and the choice of systems of work, with a view, in particular, to alleviating monotonous work and work at a predetermined work rate and to reducing the effect of this work on health.

(5) The adaptation of the place of work to technical progress.

(6) The replacement of dangerous articles, substances or systems of work by safe or less dangerous articles, substances or systems of work.

(7) The giving of priority to collective protective measures over individual protective measures.

(8) The development of an adequate prevention policy in relation to safety, health and welfare at work, which takes account of technology, organisation of work, working conditions, social factors and the influence of factors related to the working environment.

(9) The giving of appropriate training and instructions to employees.

GORT GAA CLUB - OUTDOOR AREAS RISK ASSESSMENT

IDENTIFIED HAZARD	RISK ASSESSED	CONTROL MEASURES
Electricity	Medium	Qualified electricians to routinely check the integrity of the electrical installation including sockets, light fittings and cabling.
Equipment/Machinery	Low	All equipment/machinery used to be maintained in a safe condition. Each piece of equipment to be operated by trained personnel only. Regular inspection and repair (as necessary) to be carried out on all equipment by a competent person. When using machinery the appropriate PPE is to be used / worn.
Grass Cutting Machinery/Tractor	High	Competent person to operate machinery at all times. All moving parts including P.T.O. and blades to be fully guarded at all times. Appropriate PPE to be worn.
Strimmer	Medium	PPE including eye protection to be worn at all times. All litter and debris to be removed from area to be strimmed. The strimmer must be in a safe condition for use.



IDENTIFIED HAZARD	RISK ASSESSED	CONTROL MEASURES
Ladders	Medium	Use only aluminium ladders in good condition. Never use ladders alone. Ladders when so used must be stable, prevented from slipping, rise above the landing area, and, enable the user to maintain a secure handhold.
Permanent Goal Posts	Low	Routinely inspect for damage and repair as necessary. Keep nets neat and tidy behind to prevent anyone tripping.
Temporary Goal Posts	Low	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.
Goal Post Area	Low	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.
Playing Pitch and Spectator Area	Low	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.
Pitch Boundary (Hedging)	Low	Inspect regularly and maintain/cut back as necessary. Appropriate PPE to be worn.
Gates	Low	Routinely check hinges and mountings for damage.
Parking Area	Low	Maintain in clean and tidy condition.
Infection Control	Low	Suitable protective gloves to be provided for refuse disposal and manual work around hedgerows.
Rodent Infestation	Low	Eliminate risk of rodent infestation by good housekeeping to prevent accumulation of litter.
Work by Contractors	N/A at present	Ensure that all contractors working on property owned by the GAA have an up to date Safety Statement and ensure this Statement is submitted to you as part of any tender process.
Use of Facilities	Low	Ensure all users of the facilities are covered by the GAA Insurance Scheme. In the event that an outside group is using the property ensure that their insurance company has indemnified Gort GAA Club against potential claims.



GORT GAA CLUB - CLUBHOUSE / DRESSING ROOMS RISK ASSESSMENT

IDENTIFIED HAZARD	RISK ASSESSED	CONTROL MEASURES
Clubhouse	Low	Conditions of Fire Safety Certificate to be fully monitored and supervised by competent persons during use of clubhouse.
Kitchen	Low	Only adults are to use any kitchen equipment. These items to be placed on a secure surface during use. Routine maintenance checks to be carried out to ensure all kitchen appliances are maintained in a safe condition.
Meeting Room	Low	Use of room limited to persons with permission to do so. Meeting room to be maintained in a clean and tidy condition.
Dressing Rooms	Low	Use of dressing rooms limited to persons with permission to do so. Dressing rooms to be maintained in a clean and tidy condition.
Fire Exits	Low	Fire exits to be kept clear of obstruction at all times. Regular checks to be carried out on fire exits to ensure their proper functioning. At no times are fire exits to be locked by use of chains, padlocks or any other fixed locking device. Gort GAA Club to appoint a Fire Officer who will receive appropriate training.
Fire Extinguishers	Low	Appropriate fire extinguishers to be provided at appropriate points. Fire extinguishers suitable for general fires, electrical fires and kitchen fires to be available at all times. Fire Officer to ensure that fire extinguishers are full and ready for use at all times. Fire blanket to be stored in the kitchen in an easily accessible location.
Changing Rooms	Low	Changing rooms to be kept in a clean and tidy condition.
Showers	Low	Ensure the shower area is kept in a clean and tidy condition. In the event that the floor is wet appropriate signage to be put in place.
Slips, Trips and Falls	Low	Keep all floor areas clear of obstruction. Ensure all electrical cables are stored securely so as not to cause a trip risk. Any spillages to be cleaned immediately and appropriate signage to be used to indicate wet floor areas.



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Use of Facilities	Low	Ensure all users of the facilities are covered by the GAA Insurance Scheme. In the event that an outside group is using the property ensure that their insurance company has indemnified Gort GAA Club against potential claims.
Accident Reporting	N/A	All accidents to be reported to any Club Officer as soon as possible. (Contact details given above).

SIGNED: *Martin Kerins*

POSITION HELD: Chairman

SIGNED: *Gerry Sheehan*

POSITION HELD: Secretary

DATE: 24th February 2011