MANUKORIHI GOLF CLUB INC.
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Policy	**Storage and Charging of Members Lithium Batteries**
Scope	All Members and people who store a battery-operated cart, trundler or scooter or other mobile wheeled device using a lithium battery.
Purpose	The purpose of this Policy is to protect the MGC and its members from the possible dangers of lithium batteries and any fires they may cause.

Introduction

Lithium Batteries on Course: What Members Need to Know About Fire Risk



Background

Lithium-ion batteries are now everywhere in our clubs—powering fairway and rough mowers, utility vehicles, golf carts, member trundlers and a growing range of power tools out on the course. They're efficient and quieter, but they also bring a new kind of fire risk that clubs can't ignore.

Domestic and overseas fire services and insurers are reporting a sharp rise in lithium-battery fires, including incidents in golf clubs and sports facilities. These fires can burn at extremely high temperatures, spread quickly and be difficult to extinguish. In New Zealand, Fire and Emergency has also highlighted the intensity and duration of lithium-battery fires.

For golf clubs and their members, the risk is highest where batteries are stored or charged together, in greenkeeping sheds, cart sheds, under clubhouses or next to timber buildings and other combustibles and at home.

Members Obligations

- All members are required to have updated payment on their storage fees with the club.
- Only store their equipment in their designated area that is locked when not being accessed.
- Always maintain their equipment in good condition and order.
- Follow any directions always, requested by the club on storage requirements.

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Storage Controls

- Where possible, members should remove all lithium batteries from club property and charge them at home to reduce fire risk.
- **Absolutely no charging of batteries in the trundler storage room** *(adjacent to the Female changerooms).*

Damaged batteries:

- Treat dropped, swollen, hot, leaking or otherwise damaged batteries as hazardous; isolate them in a non-combustible container and arrange specialist disposal.

Designated charging zones:

- Use provided specific charging areas for batteries in carts, trundlers etc.

Approved chargers only:

- Use only manufacturer approved or certified chargers; do not use cheap/unverified chargers and mixed brand chargers.

Cable and plug inspection:

- Regularly inspect charging leads for de sheathing, exposed wires, loose plugs or heat damage; remove any suspect equipment from service.

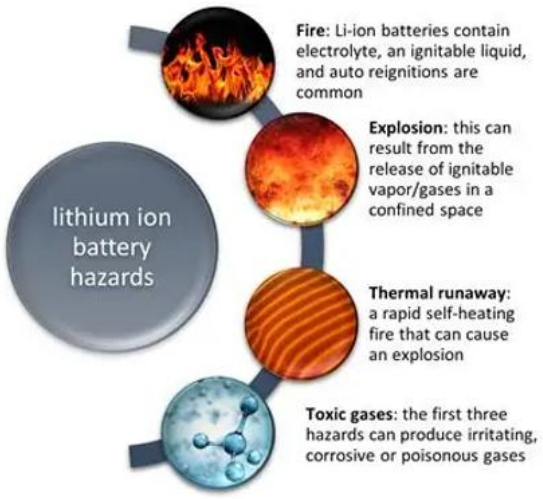
Clearances:

- Maintain clear space around chargers and batteries; do not store items above or immediately adjacent to charging points.

Condition expectations:

- Require that member equipment is kept in good condition and that any damaged batteries are not brought onto club property.

Risk-management checklist for golf club members



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