



## **FALL POLICY**

Participation in the sport of curling has inherent hazards. One of these is the risk of slipping and falling on a hard slippery surface. While most incidents are minor and result in a minor bruise or strain and do not require medical attention, the possibility exists for a serious fall resulting in more severe injuries.

The Gravenhurst Curling Club has put a policy in place for dealing with the more severe cases; the most serious of which is a head injury.

The following policy is in effect for all leagues, bonspiels and rentals at the Gravenhurst Curling Club:

1. When a slip or fall occurs play will immediately cease.
2. If the initial evaluation is that the contact with the ice, rock, sideboard or back board is minor, the individual may continue play and all returns to normal.
3. If it is a concern that a bone break or dislocation has occurred, a 911 call for EMS will be made and an evaluation for transport to a hospital or alternate treatment will be made by EMS personnel. The injured person may refuse transport but this decision will be between the person and EMS personnel.
4. If head contact has been made with the ice or other surface, a 911 call for EMS must be made. An unconscious person should not be moved. A conscious person may be moved to a safer (warmer) surface if they indicate the capability and desire to do so. Be aware that anyone who has made head contact with the ice may not be in the best position to decide on their own conduct.

EMS personnel will evaluate the person and may recommend transport to hospital. A conscious person may refuse EMS transport. This decision will be between the person and EMS personnel.

In no case may the injured person decide that EMS not be called.