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Summary

Cricket is a sport played predominantly in the drier periods of the year. But, even so, the weather is a key factor in many cricket matches. Cricket cannot be played in wet weather. Dampness affects the bounce of the ball on the wicket and is a risk to all players involved in the game. Many grounds have facilities to cover the cricket pitch (or the wicket). Covers can be in the form of tarpaulins laid over the wicket, elevated covers on wheels (acting like an umbrella) or even hover covers which form an airtight seal around the wicket. However, most grounds do not have the facilities to cover the outfield. This means that in the event of heavy rain, a match may be cancelled, abandoned or suspended due to an unsafe outfield. Another factor in cricket is the amount of light available. At grounds without floodlights (or in game formats which disallow the use of floodlights), umpires can stop play in the event of bad light as it becomes too difficult for the batsmen (and in extreme cases, fielders) to see the ball coming at them.