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Death of HRH The Duke of Edinburgh

The Association was saddened to hear today's announcement of the death of Prince Philip.

Those Councils who fly flags are advised to lower them to half-mast as soon as possible.

The Flag Institute's Guidance is below.

We anticipate further guidance will be provided on holding formal meetings within the next few days.

Flags at Half-mast

flag and the top of the flagpole. Flags cannot be flown at half-mast on poles that are more than 45° from the vertical, but a mourning cravat can be used instead (see below).

When a flag is to be flown at half-mast, it should first be raised all the way to the top of the mast, allowed to remain there for a second and then be lowered to the half-mast position. When it is being lowered from half-mast, it should again be raised to the top of the mast for a second before being fully lowered.

When a British national flag is at half-mast, other flags on the same stand of poles should also be at half-mast or should not be flown at all. Flags of foreign nations should not be flown, unless their country is also observing mourning.







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