

Bradley Dale Riding Club

Health & Safety Policy

Bradley Dale Riding Club (BDRC) is affiliated to Area 20. The aims of the club are to encourage and develop riders of all ages and abilities to reach their equestrian goal whilst offering good quality training events. The club use several different training locations throughout the Midlands area.

Our Responsibilities

BRDC takes the health, safety and welfare of its members seriously and is at the forefront of its planned activities. A safe environment provides an enjoyable experience for all those taking part in the clubs activities. The club will provide its committee members with appropriate health and safety awareness in order that events are carefully planned and delivered. It is recognised that equestrian sports have an element of risk and the club will aim to reduce the risks by careful planning and the use of qualified instructors.

The event organisers will consider the on site first aid provisions and that the appropriate personnel are on site to administer in the event of an accident. The organisers will make familiarise themselves with the emergency procedures in the event of a fire or other incident.

Accidents will be recorded by the on-site instructor or event organiser at the time of the accident and the appropriate remedial action taken after the event, if required. The accident will be investigated by a member of the committee with designated health and safety responsibilities.

Your Responsibilities

All members are required to take responsibility for their own health and safety, as well as the health and safety of others who may be affected by their acts or omissions, by taking reasonable care, reporting risks, and co-operating with health and safety arrangements.

Members must abide by the venues health and safety procedures and make themselves aware of the onsite rules designed to minimise accidents and incidents.

Members are responsible for ensuring that their own equipment is manufactured to the current British Standard. Safety equipment must be properly maintained to protect the rider from injury. Transport used must be safe and the driven considerately around parking areas of the chosen venue.

The owner/rider of the horse must ensure they have taken reasonable steps to prevent accident or injury to themselves and other visitors within the venue. The rider must assess their horses and own their ability to part take in the event and communicate any concerns to the instructor or event organiser that may arise.

Parental Responsibilities

We actively encourage young members to take part in club activities. Children may often not be aware of the dangers around them and have limited knowledge and experience due to their age. The venues used by the riding club require children to be supervised at all times and we ask that parents ensure their children remain safe at all times.

Communication

The committee will discuss health and safety issues at its monthly meetings. A review of accidents, planning, provisions, policies and venues will form of this. If members have a health and safety concern regarding their training, event or venue they should contact the committee to make them aware.