



## **RISK ASSESSMENT FOR AN AGILITY SHOW**

**Effective Planning is concerned with prevention through identifying, eliminating and controlling hazards and risks.**

A risk assessment is a careful examination of what could cause harm to people on the showground. The risk assessment enables organisers to determine whether there are sufficient precautions in place, or if more needs to be done to prevent harm being realised.

The five step approach:

1. Look for the hazards
2. Decide who may be harmed and how
3. Evaluate the risks
4. Record the finds
5. Review the assessment

Remember you have a "Duty of Care" to all who attend your show.

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Activity	Hazards	Who might be harmed	Risk level before controls High / Medium / Low	Controls	Risk Level with Controls in place	Comments
<b>Car Parking</b> Visitors  Exhibitors	Vehicle Accident, Tents & Large vehicles  As Above	All persons & dogs		Stewards directing traffic on show ground & wearing reflective jackets. Plan is required, & low speeds.  There should also be clear marked pathways between vehicles to facilities used by competitors		Plan of area regarding competitors, Visitors, V.I.P. All Stewards trained and with suitable equipment i.e. jackets, radios & copies of plans
<b>Entry</b> to show ground.	Vehicle Accidents	Any person		Location maps sent to exhibitors. Advanced signage on the highway. Inform local Police & Highway agency.		Clear entry, hard standing.
<b>Exit</b> from Show Ground	Vehicle Accidents	Any person		Exit spread over a longer period. Keep vision area clear.		Stewards would be of benefit. Firm surface
<b>Access for emergency vehicles</b>	Clear access	Everyone and animals		Keep access clear at all times		Park allowing access to all areas. Society to have knowledge of the venue's postcode.
<b>Caravan(s) and Tents</b>	Fire, Personal injury.	Property, vehicles, persons & animals		Site Safety Plan		K.C. Guidance. Time of year. Naked flame usage.

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<b>Field Showground</b>	risk of rain causing pathways and grass areas to become inaccessible	Persons and animals		Areas sectioned off with hazard tape until safe. Possibility of having experienced 4 x 4 vehicle drivers to tow stuck vehicles out.		If straw is available this can help in some areas.
<b>First Aid</b>	Accidents / injuries / illnessed	People and Dogs		Risk assesment performed to minimalise risk of accident.		Vet on call, maps with directions to vet and nearest A & E hospital. Knowledge of the venue postcode if ambulance needs to be called.
<b>Tradestand Area</b>	Storage of petroleum spirit  Use of generators - trailing leads  Use of propane gas	People, dogs, property and vehicles		Provision of fire fighting equipment  Leads protected		Knowledge of postcode of fire brigade needed
<b>Ring Entrance / Exit</b>	Excited dogs	People or dogs		Collecting area at start.  Different start and finish lines  Separate entrance and exit to the ring		Netting could be used to fence off start and finish areas to keep dogs contained.

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<b>Ring queues</b>	Excited dogs, distracted owners, hot weather	People or dogs		Queues to be kept short (10 or under)  Positioned away from start and finish area  Caller to be positioned so handlers do not have to cross a queue to book in.		Ensure queues do not interfere with queues from adjacent rings.
<b>Children - helping</b>	Excited dogs, children unaware of dangers and consequences	Children		Children, under 15 years of age, should be under the care of an adult (a person over 18 years of age) who is responsible for their conduct at the show.  Give clear directions to children what is expected of them.		Children are the future of agility but their help should be suitable for the age, understanding and concentration level of the child.
<b>Children - not helping</b>	Dogs, moving vehicles	Children		Children, under 15 years of age, should be under the care of an adult (a person over 18 years of age) who is responsible for their conduct at the show.  Children should be aware of how to behave around dogs.  They should be aware of the KCs Safe and Sound Scheme.		

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<b>Exercise area</b>	Loose dogs, dogs chasing toys	People or dogs		Dogs to be under control at all times  Consider having separate exercise area allowing toys to be thrown or ban this completely.		
	Bicycles, scooters and other non-motorised forms of transport.	People or dogs		Bicycles, scooters etc not to be ridden whilst in the exercise area. Speed limit to be kept to less than 5mph at all times.		