



THE KENNEL CLUB

Making a difference for dogs

RISK ASSESSMENT FOR AN OBEDIENCE 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
Car Parking Visitors Exhibitors	Vehicle Accident, Tents and Large vehicles As Above	All persons and dogs	M	Stewards directing traffic on show ground and wearing reflective jackets. Plan is required, and low speeds. There should also be clear marked pathways between vehicles to facilities used by competitors	L	Plan of area regarding competitors, Visitors, V.I.P. All Stewards trained and with suitable equipment i.e. jackets, radios and copies of plans
Entry to show ground.	Vehicle Accidents	Any person	M	Location maps sent to exhibitors. Advanced signage on the highway. Inform local Police and Highway agency.	M	Clear entry, hard standing.
Exit from Show Ground	As above		M	Exit spread over a longer period. Keep vision area clear.	L	Stewards would be of benefit. Firm surface
Access for emergency vehicles	Difficult / blocked access	Everyone and animals	L	Keep access clear at all times	L	Park allowing access to all areas
Caravan(s) and Tents	Fire, Personal injury.	Property, vehicles, persons and animals	H	Site Safety Plan	M	K.C. Guidance. Time of year. No Naked flame usage.

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Field Showground	Risk of rain causing pathways and grass areas to become inaccessible	Persons and animals	M	Areas sectioned off with hazard tape until safe. Possibility of having experienced 4 x 4 vehicle drivers to tow stuck vehicles out.	L	If straw, bark or matting is available this can help in some areas.
Rings and roped off areas	Not very visible, could be walked or driven into causing injury.	Vehicles, persons and animals	H	Tape which breaks easily to be used where possible and every effort should be made to ensure visibility.	M	Additional signs attached to the tapes could assist the visibility.
First Aid	Accidents / injuries / illnesses	People and Dogs	L	Risk assesment performed to minimise risk of accident.	L	Vet on call, maps with directions to vet and nearest A and E hospital. Knowledge of the venue postcode if ambulance needs to be called.
Tradestand Area	Storage of petroleum spirit Use of generators - trailing leads Use of propane gas	People, dogs, property and vehicles	M	Provision of fire fighting equipment Leads protected, safe and correct storage of and use of generators, propane gas and fuel oils Provision of fire fighting equipment	L	Knowledge of postcode if fire brigade needed Consider need for all trade stand holders to demonstrate they have their own risk aessesments in place

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Bicycles and electric scooters	Accidents / collisions	People or dogs	H	Ensure use of bicycles and particularly any motorised scooter is kept to a minimum, enforce speed limits	M	
Children - helping	Excited dogs, children unaware of dangers and consequences	Children	M	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.	L	Children are the future of obedience but their help should be suitable for the age, understanding and concentration level of the child.
Children - not helping	Dogs, moving vehicles	Children	M	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.	L	Ensure rule in schedule and given in written information to campers that children must be supervised. Also think what to do about children with bikes etc.

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Exercise area	Loose dogs, dogs chasing toys Dogs chasing dogs	People or dogs	L	Dogs to be under control at all times Consider having separate exercise area allowing toys to be thrown or ban this completely.	L	Obedience rules state dogs on leads at all times except for 'warming up' before competing.

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