



**CHESHIRE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

**THE ROYAL CHESHIRE COUNTY SHOW  
- RISK ASSESSMENT**

<b>HAZARD</b>	<b>PERSONS AT RISK</b>	<b>CONTROLS TO MINIMISE RISK</b>
Slipping/tripping	Public, staff, contractors, exhibitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Doorways to marquees kept free of guy-ropes.</li> <li>• Walkways kept free of obstructions.</li> <li>• Mostly grass surfaces so slipping only minimal problem.</li> <li>• Exhibitors store equipment out of the way of public.</li> </ul>
Ground subsidence / holes in the ground/uneven ground	Public, staff, contractors, exhibitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Filled as and when they are seen / reported.</li> <li>• Woodchips or similar used as temporary measure if necessary.</li> </ul>
Grandstand (collapse)	Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Erected by specialist company.</li> <li>• Local authority approved.</li> <li>• Completion certificate.</li> </ul>
Animals moving around Showground	Public, staff, contractors, exhibitors, judges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Barriers used to form animal walkways used exclusively to segregate animals and their handlers from public.</li> <li>• Crossing points stewarded and closed with barriers as necessary when animals are crossing.</li> </ul>
Livestock/Bulls	Public, staff, contractors, exhibitors, judges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Animals penned/tethered</li> <li>• Handled by experienced handlers</li> <li>• Showing rings constructed of barriers.</li> <li>• HSE guidance for handling of bulls at Shows required to be followed.</li> </ul>
Animals escaping	Public, staff, contractors, exhibitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Horse ambulances available with screens for use in emergency.</li> <li>• Handled by experienced handlers.</li> <li>• Means to sedate if required.</li> </ul>
Animals on stands	Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suitable penning used.</li> </ul>
Electrics	Staff, contractors, exhibitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Qualified exhibition electrical contractors used for electrical distribution system.</li> <li>• Equipment must be connected through RCD's</li> </ul>
E-Coli	Public, staff, exhibitors, contractors.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visitors who may have touched animals reminded of need to wash hands prior to eating.</li> <li>• Washing facilities/hand wipes provided.</li> </ul>
Fire	Public, staff, contractors, exhibitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No smoking inside marquees.</li> <li>• Marquees supplied by reputable contractor and meet regulations with regard to treatment with fire retardant.</li> <li>• Fire extinguishers provided inside marquees.</li> <li>• Combustible materials /rubbish regularly collected and cleared.</li> <li>• Stewards briefed to ensure fire escape routes are free of obstruction.</li> </ul>
LPG & Inflammable Liquids	Caterers, staff, exhibitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sections 15 &amp; 16 of the Show "Code of Practice for Safety &amp; Accident Prevention" has guidance about the handling and storage of LPG and inflammable liquids.</li> </ul>

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Chemicals	Public, staff, contractors, exhibitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No display of chemicals allowed.</li> <li>No hazardous chemicals used by the Show.</li> <li>Cleaning &amp; disinfectant materials for dairy/animal areas stored out of public areas.</li> </ul>
Moving parts/demonstrations	Public, staff, contractors, exhibitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Guards required to be in place on machinery.</li> <li>Working demonstrations behind barriers to keep visitors at a safe distance.</li> </ul>
Ponds	Public, staff, contractors, exhibitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ponds fully fenced with rails and sheep netting.</li> </ul>
Moving traffic/vehicles	Public, staff, contractors, exhibitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Traffic restricted to 10mph on Showground.</li> <li>Signage to direct traffic.</li> <li>Numbers of vehicles moving around the Showground severely restricted during opening hours of event.</li> <li>Stewards monitor movements of traffic.</li> <li>Stewards wear florescent tabards.</li> </ul>
Falling off horses or ponies.	Competitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Experienced Stewards used to stewarding such events always present.</li> <li>Riding hats are the rule.</li> <li>First aid provided.</li> </ul>
Caravan park	Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Vehicle speed limited.</li> <li>Marshalls on duty.</li> <li>Caravans equipped with fire extinguishers.</li> </ul>
Contractors working on Showground (tent erectors, electricians, etc.)	Staff, contractors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contractors have own risk assessment.</li> <li>Required to comply with HSE requirements.</li> </ul>
Irritant or poisonous plant materials in floral displays	Public, exhibitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Warning notices placed as necessary.</li> </ul>
Bee stings (bee flying demonstrations)	Public, stewards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enclosed bee tent provided.</li> <li>First aiders on hand.</li> </ul>
Food safety (Show caterers only)	Public, stewards, staff, judges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Only experienced reputable caterers used.</li> <li>Required to comply with all food hygiene regulations.</li> </ul>
Major incident requiring evacuation	Public, exhibitors, stewards, staff, judges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contingency plan in place</li> <li>Senior stewards and stakeholders briefed on plan and relevant actions.</li> </ul>