



# EPSOM DOWNS

## TRAINING GROUNDS

### ACCIDENT PROCEDURE ON EPSOM & WALTON DOWNS TRAINING GROUNDS

#### 1 **General**

- 1.1 Working with racehorses is potentially hazardous.
- 1.2 Racehorses are unpredictable and can be dangerous.
- 1.3 In offering training facilities to racehorses the Board accepts that you are exposed to this risk.
- 1.4 To limit the possibility of harm to you or to everyone else who visits or has access to Epsom & Walton Downs Training Grounds, the Board have issued the Rules which are acknowledged and agreed by all trainers who use the Training Grounds and which contain safety recommendations which have to be followed.

#### 2. **What to do if there has been an Accident**

- 2.1 If an accident occurs on the Training Grounds and there is injury to a rider or anyone else the following applies:

#### 3. **Accident Response**

- 3.1 Call the emergency services immediately.
- 3.2 Inform the Gallops Supervisor and Downskeepers

Emergency services	999
Gallops Supervisor (Nigel Whybrow)	07831 426544
Gallops Man (Chris Garman)	07769 931200
Downskeepers	07714 855073

#### 4. **Accident Report**

- 4.1 This should be clear, simple, and contain the following information:
  - The exact location of the injured person, preferably by reference to the Training Grounds Safety Plan as issued; otherwise by reference to the nearest road and gate access and appropriate directions.
  - The nature of the accident - crushed/kicked, etc - and the assessment of its severity - loss of consciousness, broken limb, etc.
  - Personal details of the casualty.

#### 5. **Accident Procedure**

- 5.1 If there is immediate concern over injury, advice and assistance must be obtained from the emergency service through the emergency telephone number.
- 5.2 Injured riders should only be moved on the advice of the emergency service.

- 5.3 Do not remove helmet or back protectors without seeking advice.
- 5.4 Place in recovery position and await help.
- 5.5 If the accident involves a horse which is now loose, Gallops staff/Racecourse Groundstaff and the Downskeepers will:
  - Assist in catching the loose horse.
  - Require the Trainer/staff to secure the animal.
  - Redirect horse traffic from the scene.
  - Close the area to training near the accident and nearest point of access to the injured party.
  - Post a person to the first access point to assist the ambulance service.

**6. Accident Record**

- 6.1 Those in attendance at the accident will be expected to give a brief report of the circumstances to the Training Grounds Manager.

**7. IF AN ACCIDENT OCCURS ON THE TRAINING GROUNDS WHICH INVOLVES THE INJURY OR DEATH OF A HORSE**

- 7.1 Accident Response
- 7.2 The Trainer’s obligation is to respond and make arrangements in the case of an accident, and he/she must inform the Gallops Supervisor.
- 7.3 In the absence of the Trainer or his/her representative the Gallops Staff/Downs Keepers who are at an accident will inform the Gallops Supervisor.

<b>Relevant Telephone Numbers</b>	
Shotter & Byers (Vets)	01306 627706
Priory (Vets)	01737 242190
Horse Disposal (Mark Chambers)	01483 505524

**8. Accident Report**

- 8.1 This should give the exact location to the Training Ground Safety Plan; otherwise by reference to the nearest road and gate access.
- 8.2 The nature of the injury and whether the horse is loose or restrained.
- 8.3 Trainers and their staff will do all that is reasonably practical to restrain an injured horse until the arrival of veterinary assistance.

**9. Accident Procedure**

- 9.1 Gallops Staff/Downs Keepers will redirect horse traffic from the scene.
- 9.2 If there is an injured animal they will close the area to training near the accident.
- 9.3 Post a person at the first access point to assist veterinary services on arrival.

**10. Accident Record**

- 10.1 Those in attendance will be expected to make a brief report of the circumstances to the Training Grounds Manager.