

Incident Management and First Aid Policy

Incident Management

If an incident occurs at a SADA event that could lead to potential or actual danger to humans and/or horses, attendees are required to:

- Dismount and lead their horses to their float or yard and await further instructions from a SADA Committee Member.
- Do not return to the vicinity of the incident unless otherwise instructed by a SADA Committee Member.
- Do not record or photograph the scene unless requested to by a SADA Committee Member for the purpose of documenting and reporting the incident.

Fall of Rider and/or Loose Horse

If a rider falls from a horse or a horse becomes loose in the grounds, all riders within close proximity to the incident including those in outside arena(s) are required to halt their horses until the rider receives assistance and/or the horse has been caught.

A fallen rider is not permitted to remount until assessed by the Safety Officer and a concussion review performed. In particular, a rider who falls during a test is not allowed to remount and must leave the arena on foot if able to do so.

After assessment, the fallen rider may not be allowed to continue to ride or compete if the Safety Officer considers that they are unfit to ride or at risk of further injury.

If a rider is rendered unconscious, a member of the SADA Committee is required to call for an ambulance, even if they regain consciousness.

NO-ONE may remove a critically injured person or someone who has lost/regained consciousness from the grounds without permission from a SADA Committee member.

The fall of a rider must be recorded online within 24 hours using Form 8 located at www.equestrian.org.au/content/risk-management.

Injured Person

If a person is injured at a SADA event, the current nominated Safety Officer is to provide first aid to them (refer to list located at the SADA Club room).

In addition, any SADA Committee Member, in consultation with the Safety Officer, has the right to call an ambulance if deemed necessary.

Any incident involving injury to a person must be recorded online within 24 hours using Form 8 located at www.equestrian.org.au/content/risk-management.

Injured Horse

If a horse is injured during a SADA event, the Horse Welfare Officer (refer to notice board at SADA Club room) must be informed immediately. A basic equine first aid box is available at the SADA Club room.

NOTE: it is the owner's/rider's responsibility to apply first aid to their horse and to contact a vet if they feel it is required (refer to list of local vets at the SADA Club room). SADA will not take responsibility for applying First Aid to your horse.