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Wars of the Roses Federation **Health and Safety Policy**

Terms & Conditions for Events



For greater detail please refer to the Health and Safety documentation held on the Federation website.

- 1 *WotR Federation* regards Health & Safety as top priority at all times... We shall ensure that our activities are as safe as possible for clients, reenactors, and where appropriate, all visitors.
- 2 We shall operate within each client's Health & Safety strategies in consultation with appropriate official bodies, as long as they do not compromise our standards
- 3 Basic Health and Safety requirements are published as part of our regularly updated web site, as are our *Standard Terms and Conditions for Participation at events*. If there are any changes/updates all the Groups representatives will be mailed, and notices issued on the LH website. Groups must agree to adhere to these.
4. All member groups have an agreed commitment that no members will be permitted to undertake any re-enactment activity for which they are not sufficiently competent.
5. All *WotR Federation* members will operate within the Federation safety policy & risk assessments.
6. At events, H&S announcements will be made on the on-mains public address system as appropriate and reinforced by signs and officials. Any non-public areas (including a main display arena) will be taped or roped off. The main arena will normally feature warning signs.
7. Visitors, members of the public, will be kept at a safe, appropriate distance whenever possible, where necessary.
8. Groups/specialist extras/ stunt men/horse suppliers (IF contracted to an event) will be self-stewarding and not reliant on others to maintain their safety and that of others nearby. This will augment safety procedures as defined by *WotR Federation* representatives.
9. Where appropriate, fire points will be provided by the client, to be located in camping and other defined areas. When recreating an historic encampment or using black powder artillery, Reenactors are advised to always additionally provide their own fire extinguisher or bucket of water.
10. Hand-to-hand fighting should only take place between suitably competent combatants, with the public remaining at an appropriately safe distance, as advised by *WotR Federation* official. *The committee reserves the right to override decisions made by any group or individual if we consider said person's advice unsafe.*
11. Black powder and arrows are dangerous and are to only be handled/used by competent reenactors. A clear and appropriately sized non-public area for "fall of arrows"/artillery projectiles and firearms blast must be maintained (double-taped off & stewarded at events).
12. *WotR Federation* and all Reenactors will adhere to the law, including all & any health & safety and other relevant legislation, e.g. on the storage, use and licensing of black powder and/or firearms/edged weapons.
13. Clients will normally be responsible for arranging First Aid cover at an event, although certain groups also have these skills. The most likely accidents are slips, falls, minor impact injuries from blunted weapons, and minor black powder burns from use of black powder weapons. Visitors at events are more likely to injuries (e.g. from slips, falls, insect stings) than Reenactors, due to event safety procedures. Site layout and First aid cover will reflect the requirements of all on site, based on risk assessments.
14. Any accidents/incidents will be appropriately treated, recorded and investigated, by the relevant household. Any accident/incident that requires medical attention off site (hospital etc.) will be recorded and investigated by *WotR Federation Health & Safety Officer*
15. *WotR Federation* will continually strive to improve standards of safety for its members, Health and Safety documentation will be reviewed yearly at the AGM.