

## **RECOMMENDED STANDARD SAFETY PROCEDURES FOR NCHA SHOW/ACTIVITIES**

### **SIGNAGE**

- **Animal welfare** sign posted at entry into practice pen and arena
- **Signs stating** that horses may be dangerous animals and that anyone coming to the show enters the grounds at your own risk; this should be posted at all points of entry
- **Caution horses** ( placed wherever horses may be)
- **Competitors only** ( general public should not be able to come into contact with horses and competitors in arena, practice pens and warm up areas)
- **No Parking** ( try to keep vehicles away from anywhere horses and cattle may come in contact)
- **Hazard** ( this sign should be placed where the safety committee feels an accident could occur)
- **Do Not Tie Horse to Rail** ( many horses are tied to portable panels and can pull back and cause the rails to collapse, move or break free and can cause untold damage )
- **No horses in this area** ( any area where horses can come into contact with the general public)
- **Competitors parking only** ( if possible try to keep general public away from horses )

There are any number of extra signs that a show committee may feel necessary for their event. The more signs you have posted will show "Duty of Care".

### **PA ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Regular comments made by the announcer throughout the day regarding changes in conditions pertaining to the safety of competitors and the general public may also be needed. This mainly pertains to weather conditions, but may also include a change to arena ground conditions, loose dog on the ground, an object that may cause a horse to become frightened etc.

### **REGULAR AUDITS OF VENUE**

Conduct a pre show audit as well as during the show. It is very wise to leave a paper trail in all cases of risk management and by just writing down a few near misses it shows that your committee is showing diligence.

### **WAVIERS**

The NCHA will be providing all show secretaries with official wavier forms that all competitors will have to sign before competing. These forms will be drafted by Affinity Risk Partners and will satisfy their requirements.