

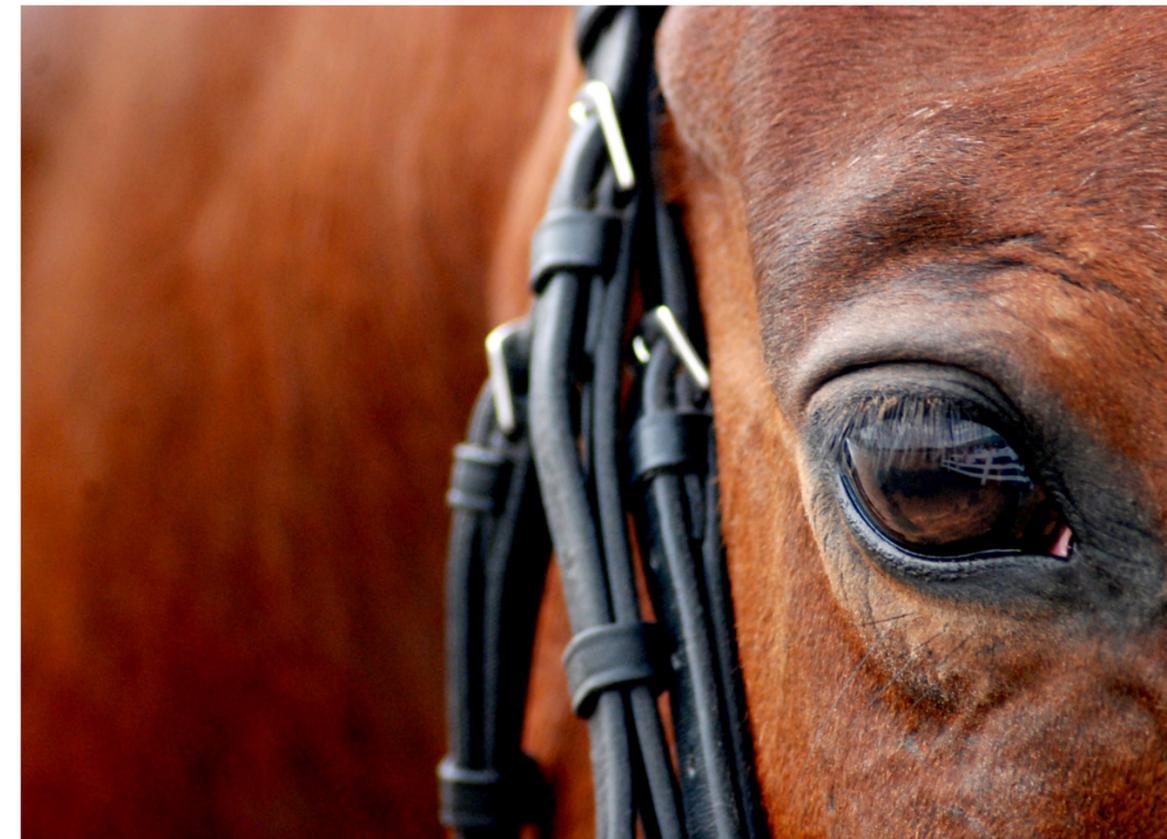
Progress Update

August 2021



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Health & Safety Progress



Equestrian Health & Safety Vision

Equestrian Australia (EA) aims to provide a **healthy and safe environment** (competition and training) to protect riders, horses, coaches and officials with:

- protective and preventative measures that **mitigates risk**;
 - **education that informs**, develops skills and builds knowledge;
 - tools that **aid compliance**; and
 - proactive **monitoring and tracking** of performance
- for all stakeholders involved with the sport.

We have also established a National Health & Safety Committee to oversee issues across all disciplines in the sport.



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Where we were

The 2019 Coronial Inquest findings, following two rider fatalities, resulted in 31 recommendations to improve safety in eventing for EA to implement.

AUDIT



GAP ANALYSIS



ACTION PLAN

Equestrian Health & Safety

April 2021 audit



The first audit of the Coronial recommendations found:

- 18 had been completed;
- 11 were partially complete; and
- 2 were incomplete.

How we are going



As at August 2021.

In addition to this, EA implemented a number of proactive measures across all disciplines in the sport to take the lead on equestrian safety.



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The Coronial Inquest presented an opportunity to raise the level of health & safety across the entire sport and take a leading position for our industry.

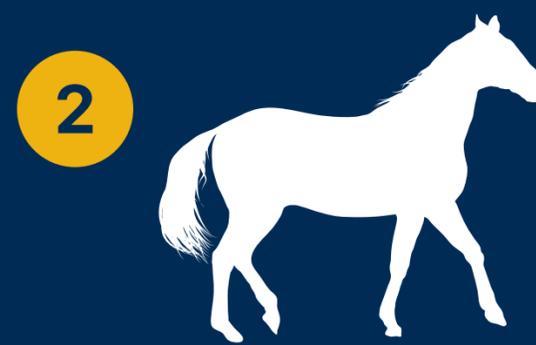
Focus

EA is committed to developing a strategic health & safety plan and practices for:



RIDERS/ATHLETES

We aim to provide a healthy, safe and nurturing environment with comprehensive training & education.



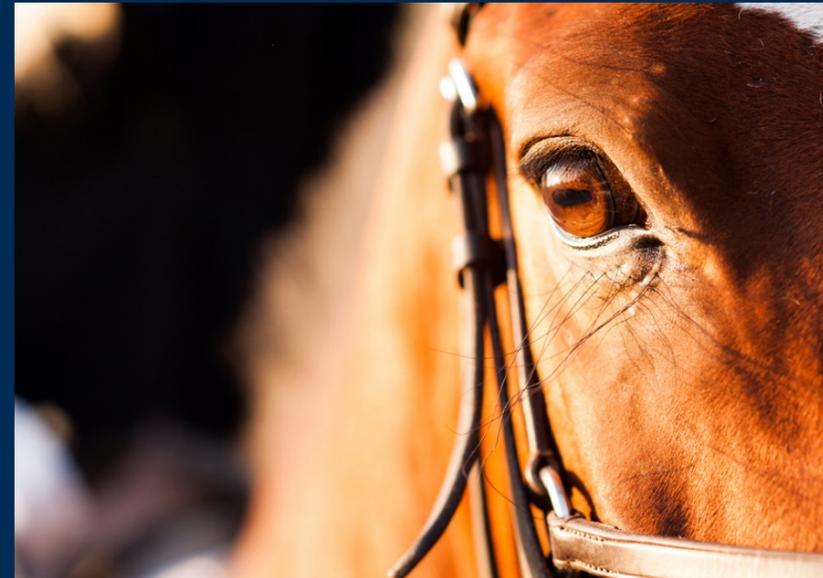
HORSES

Promote best-practice equine welfare for horses during training and competition.



ENVIRONMENT

Strategically designed events, club and training activities that minimise risk with swift health and safety responses.



Method

EA is committed to providing essential health & safety measures including:

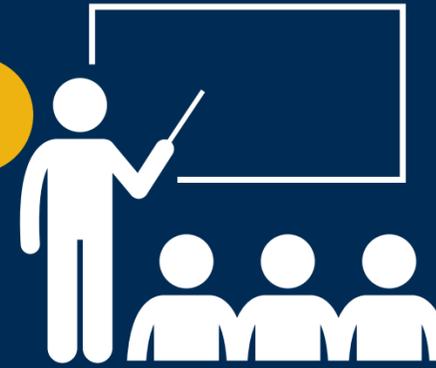
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TOOLS

Systems, processes, equipment and regulations to protect all parties.

2



TRAINING

Stakeholders and participants well informed, engaged and educated on systems, processes and protocols.

3



TRACKING

Continuously improve our compliance and safety record through measuring, tracking and developing insights.

TAKE ACTION

Continuous Improvement

Equestrian Health & Safety

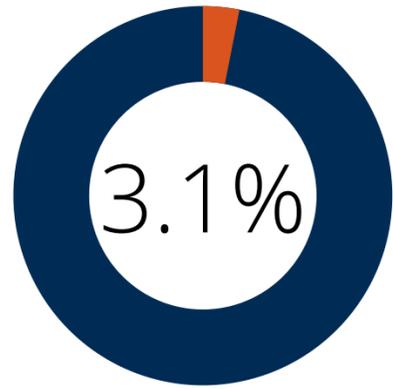


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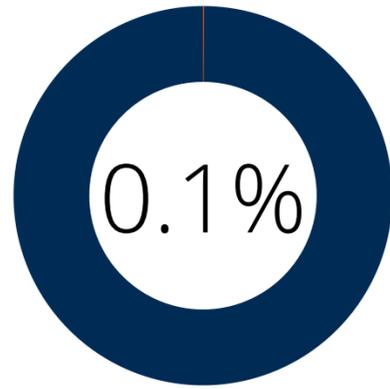
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Tracking the Numbers



RIDER FALLS

6892 XC Starters
214 rider falls



HORSE FALLS

6892 XC Starters
13 horse falls

Without accurate reporting and comprehensive data across all disciplines, we cannot measure how we are going, identify issues and create strategic action plans.

We need to broaden the scope of reporting from only falls to all incidents and unplanned occurrences to learn from the data and save lives.



Data supports informed business decisions, identifies training gaps and provides insight into health & safety project targets and spend.

FORM 08 FOR INCIDENT REPORTING DELIVERS

ACCURATE DATA



INCIDENT TRANSPARENCY



GOOD COMMUNICATION



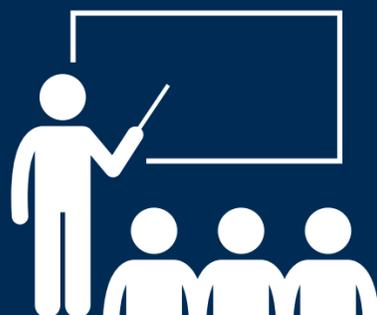
TARGETED SPENDING

Training, Tracking and Tools to Save Lives



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**MEDICAL SERVICE
PROVIDERS
REGISTERED**



500

**CONCUSSION
TRAINING
UNDERTAKEN**



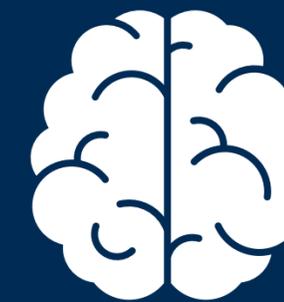
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**SUBMITTED
INCIDENT REPORT
FORM 08**



6,077

HELMET'S TAGGED



75

**CONCUSSIONS
REPORTED
MAR 19 - AUG 21**

**FEEDBACK TO
HAVE YOUR SAY**



Our athlete/participant surveys and coach, officials, clubs and committees surveys invite you to provide input. Reports coming later in 2021.

Leading the Way

SETTING NEW STANDARDS FOR EQUESTRIAN

From the initiatives developed to protect, prevent and be proactive, we have received positive feedback internationally and across the industry.

The initiatives showing the ability to shift the needle for health and safety including compliance.



- Improved incident reporting and consistent reporting process for Medical Service Providers (MSP)
- Updated concussion protocols, process & training including MyEA tracking concussion incidents to comply with Sport Australia protocols
- Development of Risk Management and Medical Services Provider Framework to support our committee and clubs
- National Health, Safety & Welfare Forums
- Improved communications - health & safety on meeting agendas, website, social media comms, presentations, conferences
- Critical Incident training to support the first responders
- Research - recognised for work done and supporting data-driven decision-making
- Establishing a National Health & Safety Committee

Initiatives

	HORSES	RIDERS	ENVIRONMENT
 PREVENT	INDUSTRY REVIEW		
	XC LEARNINGS APPLIED ACROSS INDUSTRY	RULES & REGULATION UPDATES	
	RULES & REGULATIONS REVIEW		
 PROTECT	VET SERVICES	PPE	MYEA CONCUSSION PROTOCOLS & TRAINING
	HORSE WELFARE		
 PROACTIVE	NATIONAL HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE		
	HORSE FALL ANALYSIS	NATIONAL LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM	
		INCIDENT REPORTING PROTOCOLS	OFFICIALS SURVEY
		COMP SURVEY	NATIONAL CIMT

Timeline 2022 - 2024

IMPLEMENTING THE NEXT PHASE

1

Develop an overarching EA Health and Safety Management System (HSMS) Framework



3

EA develop and implement a National Critical Incident Management Framework



6

Ongoing communication and support of an EA National Health and Safety Committee

8

Develop and promote EA Member Health and Welfare Support

JANUARY 2022



2

EA implement software program Safe365 to provide National Health, Safety and Governance program

4

EA to provide a suitable Learning Management System (LMS) to support education

5

Eventing Coronial Recommendations to be completed and implemented

7

Support Risk Management processes through improved comms, data analysis, industry collaboration and research

9

Participate in Horse Welfare developments for EA

DECEMBER 2024





Measures of Success



Reduced rider falls and injury



Reduced severity of injury



100% incident reporting - all incidents and unplanned occurrences reported



Increased engagement in training and education for riders, officials, coaches, clubs and organising committees



Compliance across all regulations for all disciplines



Collaboration and cohesion across the industry for the greater good of the sport



Member protection services including complaint handling and integrity



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Health & Safety is everyone's business.



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Thank You



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