

HORSE INCIDENT

Suggested comments for on-course comments by raceday commentator or ground announcer.



The commentator and the MC will ad-lib according to circumstances, but the key messages that should be conveyed are below.

1. Post-race, while horses are moving off track, when one of the horses has collapsed, or broken down, or is being led and attended to:

"<horse name> is being attended to by the veterinarian, Clerk of Course and course staff. The horse's welfare is paramount, and the team are attending to its immediate needs in a humane manner. The horse ambulance is standing by to assist once the course is clear."

2. When the ambulance is deployed (2 options):

Scenario 1 – Where a horse was pulled up without an obvious catastrophic injury:

"A purpose-built equine ambulance has been deployed to assist with the injured horse."

The horse will have been given pain relief and sedation, and its injury stabilised by the vet, before being walked onto the horse ambulance. It will be safely transported from the track, and then to an equine clinic or hospital for assessment and treatment. The horse's welfare is paramount in these situations and every effort is made to ensure the best outcome."

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Scenario 2 – it where obvious that a horse collapsed or has suffered a catastrophic injury.

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The horse appears to have suffered a serious injury. The vet, track crew and horse ambulance are in attendance to help manage the situation and administer pain relief and sedation. The horse's welfare is paramount, and the team are attending to its immediate needs in a humane manner."

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