

BETA SAFETY CONFERENCE

21st April 2026

Holywell Park Conference Centre
Loughborough University

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1. ***The state of research into rider safety equipment – past, present and future***
Dr. Stephanie Bonin PhD, MEA Forensic, Los Angeles, USA.

Senior Biomechanical Engineer at MEA Forensic Engineers & Scientists and Adjunct Professor at the University of Kentucky, Stephanie Chairs the Scientific Panel of the FEI Equestrian Safety Vests Working Group established in 2025.

2. ***Designing Safer Helmets: Understanding Rotational Protection***
Robin Spicer, Technical Design and Innovation Lead, Lemieux Ltd

3. ***An eventer's perspective on safety***
Laura Collett, MBE, European Champion, Gold medal winner at Paris and Tokyo courtesy of Zebra Products.

4. ***Analysis and prevention of spinal injuries in horse racing.***
Daloni Lucas – MSc BSc (Hons) MCSP HCPC

5. ***Fitting a diverse rider population***
Jade Faulkner, Dave Derby, Charles Owen, Representative of Cool Riding, Kathryn Jaquet, RB Equestrian

6. ***Understanding Repetitive Head Loading: Sub-concussive impacts in football and their relevance to equestrian head protection.***
Megan Barnes-Wood MEng, Cardiff University, Champion Mfg

7. ***Safety Versus Comfort: A Preliminary investigation into the impact of Body Protectors on Comfort, Rider Position and Considerations for Female Riders***
Dr. Vicki Lewis, Senior Lecturer, Hartpury University, FEI Level 3 Steward

8. ***Rider attitude to safety and the FEI's position and approach to rider safety now and in the future.***
Dr. Mark Hart, Chair, USEF Human and Equine Safety & Welfare Committee, Chair FEI Medical Committee and of the FEI Equestrian Safety Vest WG.

9. ***"Safety" Stirrups- attitudes toward and the need for standards.***
Claire Williams, BETA

10. **Innovation forum discussion – The future of safety**



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