



BETA SAFETY CONFERENCE

21st April 2026

Holywell Park Conference Centre, Loughborough University & online

<https://beta-uk.org/conferences/>

Reducing the risk to make riding safer
A day for riders, equestrian professionals and all in the retail and manufacturing trade

Timetable

08.30 Registration & Refreshments. Exhibition stands open.

09.25 Welcome & Opening: *Claire Williams, BETA*

09.30 **The state of research into rider safety equipment – past, present and future**

Dr. Stephanie Bonin PhD, MEA Forensics

10.00 **Analysis and prevention of spinal injuries in horse racing.** *Daloni Lucas*

10.30 **Designing Safer Helmets: Understanding Rotational Protection.** *Robin Spicer, Lemieux Ltd*

11.00 Morning Break

11.30 **Safety Versus Comfort: A Preliminary investigation into the impact of body protectors on comfort, rider position and considerations for female riders.** *Dr Vicky Lewis, Hartpury University*

12.00 **Rider attitude to safety and the FEI's position & approach to rider safety now and in the future.** *Dr. Mark Hart, CMO, FEI*

12.30 Lunch - Exhibition stands open

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

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

14:30 **Understanding Repetitive Head Loading: Sub-concussive impacts in football and their relevance to equestrian head protection.**
Megan Barnes-Wood, KTP Associate, Champion Mfg

15.00 Afternoon Break (30min)

15.30 **An eventer's perspective on safety.** *Laura Collett*

16.00 **Innovation Forum Discussion Panel / Q & A**

Innovation leads Helen Riley, evoke: Zoe Bryant, Racesafe; Robin Spicer, Lemieux; Meghan Barnes-Wood, Champion manufacturing.

16.30 **Question & Answer discussion panel all speakers**

16.55 Conference Concludes

17.30 Exhibition Stands Close

**Thanks to our
Gold Sponsors:**



**Thanks to our
Silver Sponsor:**

