



BETA SAFETY CONFERENCE

21st April 2026

Holywell Park Conference Centre, Loughborough University & online

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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. *Lorna Cameron Senior Lecturer, Department of Equine Sciences, 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: 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

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