

Risk Assessment

of

Livestock unloading / loading & showing

Note

This risk assessment is based on general show activities and must be reviewed and updated in accordance with your specific show location, animal type, displays, attractions, vendors, entertainment and food service etc.

Irish Shows Association Affiliated Show			Livestock showing area for bulls, cattle, sheep			
Area / Activity	Task description	Hazard & risk description	People exposed	ORR H, M, L	Control measures (existing and additional required)	Responsibility
Livestock unloading / loading & showing	Parking of vehicles carrying livestock in show grounds at showing area	Collision between vehicles whilst travelling through grounds and positioning in parking area	Stewards and Members of show team		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stewards briefed on show safety statement with specific attention to risk assessments covering tasks, associated hazards and required controls to be implemented and followed Required number of stewards should be on duty at livestock parking and showing area to ensure compliance with show rules and safety requirements. Where possible separate entrance and exit points should be provided for large and small vehicles to facilitate prompt and safe site access and egress and parking. High visibility jacket and safety boots to be worn by stewards and show team. Safety signage erected in livestock area regarding access/egress points for livestock between designated parking area and showing area. Livestock are brought into site on board vehicles and unloaded or loaded in parking area at all times by owner Animals should be allowed to relax after travelling and unloading before they are brought to the show ring The steward supervising the unloading of cattle must be satisfied that the animal is calm and can be controlled at all times. If the animal is agitated and not likely to settle down then the steward can refuse entry to the show and ask the owner for the animal to be reloaded and taken off site in the interests of public safety and animal safety All animals must be wear a harness to which a leading rope can be secured Stewards to ensure orderly positioning of vehicles in parking area to enable safe unloading & loading of livestock for washing, grooming and showing Where possible wash area should have adequate drainage and or be covered with matting or concrete to minimise water ponding and development of soft muddy ground at washing and grooming station. Washing station should be located away from public area due to likelihood of slippy underfoot conditions Appropriate barrier (well secured stakes, rails, gates and orange mesh) should be erected around the showing area to securely tie up live stock for showing. Safety signage regarding showing of livestock should be erected in livestock area to highlight presence of cattle and bulls Keep all pedestrian walk ways and viewing points clear of debris or potential trip hazards. Provide fire extinguishers in livestock showing area where straw is used under livestock in showing pens 	Show committee
	Unloading & loading of livestock	Collision between vehicles and pedestrians	The public attending the show			
	Washing & grooming of livestock	Injury to pedestrian & livestock owner when transferring from parking area to showing area	Livestock owners			
	Transfer of livestock by owner from parking / grooming area to showing area	Injury to owner if livestock is spooked by moving debris or dog	Children			
	Showing of livestock for judging	Injury to spectators should spooked animal breech showing area				
	Attending to livestock during competition	Injury to children should they move to close to animals in showing area				
	Observation by spectators of livestock showing	Injury people & damage to property in show grounds or external public areas from spooked and escaped livestock Fire in straw under livestock				