



# SHADWELL

## **HEALTH & SAFETY INFORMATION FOR VISITORS TO THE STALLION UNIT & COVERING YARD:**

**TO ASSIST US TO MAINTAIN YOUR SAFETY AND THE SAFETY OF OTHERS, PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION AND FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE SAFETY RULES.**

**STALLION UNIT & COVERING YARD.** There is a significant amount of equipment and vehicles as well as people and horses moving around the area. All pose a real risk to health & safety.

**LEGAL OBLIGATIONS** – Clients/Visitors must comply with the Health & Safety at Work Act 1974 and any other relevant legislation in place at the time.

### **ALL VISITORS**

You as a visitor will be expected to take account of your own actions while you are on site. The Senior staff member will be able to answer questions about the potential hazards regarding your visit on site. Visitors must liaise with the nominations department and be accompanied at all times during the visit.

Shadwell Estate Company Limited expects you to pass on any local safety rules to your Horse Handlers and Box Drivers.

**The “responsible person” is the Stud Director and/or the Senior Shadwell Staff Member on site at the time.**

### **FIRE:**

Smoking is prohibited in line with the Smoking Regulations. Please follow the instructions of the Stud staff in the event of a fire. If the fire alarm is raised leave the building and wait at the assembly point. Do not return until you are instructed by Senior Management to do so.

### **FIRST AID:**

First aid kits are located throughout the sites; there are a number of first aid qualified staff.

### **WELFARE FACILITIES**

Welfare facilities are provided and you should speak to the responsible person if you wish to use these facilities.

### **VEHICLE MOVEMENTS AND TRAFFIC ROUTES:**

All sites have a maximum 20MPH speed limit (Unless indicated differently). Reversing or difficult vehicle movements must be supervised to protect against accidental damage or injury.

### **COVERING & HANDLING HORSES**

Personal Protective Equipment must be used when handling horses. The client should satisfy themselves that their designated persons attending the covering have the necessary skills, competence and experience to carry out the task and should arrange for these instructions to be issued to the designated person.

The designated person should inform the responsible person of any known character traits and difficulties or, if handling a maiden mare, where additional restraints may be required. If a mare is to be accompanied by her foal during the covering, both the mare and foal should be held by separate handlers. The foal should remain at a safe distance but within sight of the mare.

The wearing of a riding hat and steel toe capped boots are recommended when handling foals in the covering barn. The designated person must follow and abide by the instructions given by the responsible person.

Under no circumstances are children allowed in the covering barn. Vulnerable persons such as young people (age 16-18) and expectant mothers must be covered by a risk assessment and comply with health and safety controls relevant to the activity. If it is deemed this is not the case and presents a risk to safety, the person may be asked to refrain or the activity may cease.

### **UNLOADING & LOADING MARES/FOALS**

Visitors to the stallion unit are assigned to a loading bay. On arrival at the loading bay, mares are assigned to a member of the covering team and the designated person should accompany the foal. Take care when unloading and loading mares from the loading ramp and follow your own safe system of work. Mares should be held by a bridle and foals should be held from a lead rope looped through a head collar. Please be aware of the sudden drop and take care when working in wet, slippery or icy conditions. Lighting has been provided for when visibility is poor.

### **ACCIDENTS:**

Visitors must report any accident in which they are involved to the Senior Manager or to the Office Reception.

Any accident, incident or near miss must be reported in compliance with RIDDOR. All accidents or incidents are investigated by the Health & Safety Department and witness statements taken. Any serious accident or injury resulting in a seven days absence will be notified to the Health & Safety Executive.

**Failure to comply with these instructions may lead to Boxes being turned away**

**Signature:**

**Richard Lancaster - Stud Director**