On Duty of Care & Accident Prevention – Suggested Guidelines

It is the duty of everyone to help prevent accidents; many of these could be avoided by following the guidelines below

- All harness should be in a sound condition and adjusted to fit the horse or pony.
- The vehicle should be in sound condition and of a type suitable for the terrain to be covered. Always carry spares.
- Never put a horse/pony into an environment, which you believe it will find alien.
- Before attending a group event e.g., rally, show, ensure that your horse is happy driving with other turnouts.
- When driving in company never move off adjacent to another horse being put to without checking that the other driver is happy for you to do so.
- When driving in company leave sufficient distance from the vehicle in front to permit change of pace or direction.
- After descending a slope remember that all turnouts behind must be clear of the slope before anyone increases the pace.
- Look well ahead and remember what you miss (!) that your horse sees could be the start of a problem…
- Avoid driving on the highway at dawn/dusk and at night. If this cannot be avoided reflective clothing and carriage stickers are essential.
- Your whip is an aid – and should be in your hand and not the whip socket.
- Never tie a turnout to a fixed object with a horse/pony still in the shafts.
- Never tie a turnout to another turnout.
- Never dismount from the vehicle unless you have someone at the horse's head.
- Never remove the bridle until the horse is free of the vehicle.
- Always approach a ridden horse with extreme care.
- Every turnout must have an able-bodied groom.
- Always stop in a space, which allows you to exit easily at any time, especially applicable to groups.
- Pass pedestrians and other horses, ridden or driven, carefully – not too close or fast.

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RALLY DRIVE MILES AWARD

An award scheme for members who attend BDS Rallies and accumulate Rally Drive Miles

(An ongoing award)

Drivers Name ……...

Address ……..

…… Postcode ……

Horse/Ponies Name ……

BDS Mem No …….

Rally Drivers Newcomer Award	**25 miles**
Rally Drivers Bronze Award	**50 miles**
Rally Drivers Silver Award	**75 miles**
Rally Drivers Gold Award	**100 miles**
Rally Drivers Platinum/Gold Award	**150 miles**
Rally Drivers Medal	**200 miles**

Please keep a record of the miles driven on BDS rallies and fun days below. Please get it signed on the day by the Commissioner or organiser of the BDS Rally/Fun Drive. Once you have achieved a set number of miles for the awards as detailed on the front page, please return to head office for your award and certificate to be issued. Once a record of your results has been made the form will be returned to you so that you may continue collecting rally drive miles.

Venue of Rally Drive/Fun Drive	Area	Horse(s)/Pony(ies) Name

Miles Driven	Date	Signature of AC/Organiser	Total of Miles Driven