

Appendix J

Safety at Events

There are a number of agencies that have an interest in helping to ensure that events are held safely, but responsibility for ensuring that the principles of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 are followed will normally fall to the District Council's Environmental Health team.

To help ensure that all interested agencies are able to provide input Derbyshire County Council's Emergency Planning Division will usually organise a multi-agency Safety Advisory Group (known as DESAG) to consider the implications of larger events. This will enable agencies such as the Police, the Fire and Rescue Service, East Midlands Ambulance Service, the Highways Authority, Environmental Health etc. to meet together with event organisers to offer advice and assistance.

Issues that would need to be considered might include how to manage large crowds of people safely, how to ensure that temporary structures such as stages are erected properly, first aid, separation of pedestrians and vehicles and fire safety in camping areas. The organiser of smaller events that do not warrant a DESAG meeting can obtain information about running a safe event from the Health and Safety Executive's website at www.hse.gov.uk/event-safety. In addition, all event organisers are advised to consult The Derbyshire Prepared Website at www.derbyshireprepared.org.uk/events and 'The Purple Guide to Health, Safety and Welfare at Music and Other Events', a document produced by the Events Industry Forum and supported by (amongst others) the Health and Safety Executive at www.thepurpleguide.co.uk.