



In case of an emergency dial 999 and ask for an ambulance.
Try to use obvious landmarks to identify your location if not clear



Riding Safety Advice

HELPING THE EMERGENCY SERVICES HELP YOU

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance: Key Facts

- Operational since 1 July 2007
- Based at Thruxton, near Andover
- Can take off within four minutes of the emergency call
- Crew consists of one pilot with two paramedics, or one paramedic and a doctor
- Can be anywhere in Hampshire within 15 minutes, and to the base of the Isle of Wight within 20 minutes
- Helicopter is a Eurocopter EC 135
- Maximum speed of 155 miles per hour
- Will take patients to the most appropriate hospital for their needs, not just the closest
- Costs in excess of £110,000 per month to run the service
- The charity receives no government or National Lottery funding and relies solely on donations.

Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance is a registered Charity Number: 1106234



For more information

www.hiow-airambulance.org.uk

Hampshire Horsewatch, Hampshire Police Country Watch & the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Air Ambulance supporting the Equestrian Community in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight



Safety when out riding

- Before you go for a ride, make sure you tell someone where you are going and when you expect to return
- Always take a mobile phone with you just in case you or somebody with you has an accident
- Wear / carry a hi-visibility vest in case you need to attract attention, you can be seen from the air in high-visibility clothing
- Both horse and rider should carry a tag or bag with contact telephone numbers and where relevant medical information. This is essential should horse and rider become separated.
- If you fall from your horse and it runs off, please notify the Police **immediately** on 101. Numerous Police hours can be wasted searching for a missing or injured rider if your horse is located without you.



What to do if an air ambulance has been called

- Remove riding horses from the scene of the incident and secure before the air ambulance arrives - even the calmest horses can behave unpredictably around an aircraft
- Put any dogs on a lead and secure them away from the scene of the incident.
- If possible, identify a suitable landing place for the aircraft - an area clear of trees and about the size of a tennis court or larger.
- Use the hi-visibility vest to attract the attention of the pilot



For further Road Safety Advice please visit:

www.bhs.org.uk

www.horseaccidents.org.uk

www3.hants.gov.uk/roadsafety/horses-drivers

www.hants.gov.uk/roadsafety

