



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](http://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](http://www.bhs.org.uk)

[www.horseaccidents.org.uk](http://www.horseaccidents.org.uk)

[www3.hants.gov.uk/roadsafety/horses-drivers](http://www3.hants.gov.uk/roadsafety/horses-drivers)

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