



## Notice to Trainers

### **OH&S Self Audit Document – to be completed and returned with licence renewal**

Dear Trainer

As you are aware, horse trainers in NSW are responsible for the occupational health and safety (OH&S) of all their employees, under both the Australian Rules of Racing and OH&S legislation. It is your responsibility to ensure that your workplace is free from hazards or potential hazards and safe for employees.

You will recall that in 2001 all licensed trainers were required to attend mandatory OH&S awareness seminars, where information and education was provided by Racing NSW regarding each trainer's responsibilities.

The Board recently considered options for the next stage of OH&S education for Trainers. A second mandatory training course was considered. However due to the difficulty many part-time trainers and regional trainers had in attending the 2001 seminars, it was decided to issue a self-audit document for trainers to review their OH&S responsibilities themselves at their stables.

The stable audit document is enclosed, **and must be completed and returned with your licence renewal.** The checklist details some common hazards for people and horses, and will assist trainers in reviewing their place of operation.

In conjunction with this process, the Racing NSW Board has also determined that OH&S is of sufficient concern to warrant the appointment of an Officer so that NSW racehorse trainers may be provided with assistance in OH&S issues.

**After you have returned your stable audit with your licence renewal** the OH&S person may visit your stables to review the completed document and ensure that any problem areas identified in the audit have been addressed. It is your responsibility to complete the safety audit and to remove hazards.

Thank you for your co-operation. Racing NSW acknowledges the effort of trainers in helping the industry achieve a high standard of OH&S compliance in NSW, in turn striving to minimize insurance premiums, from which all participants benefit.

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