

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

DUTIES OF A PARTICIPANT - WEST VIRGINIA
EQUESTRIAN ACTIVITIES RESPONSIBILITY ACT
(WV CODE 20-4-2 through 7)

It is recognized that equestrian activities are hazardous to participants, regardless of all feasible safety measures which can be taken.

Each participant in an equestrian activity expressly assumes the risk of and legal responsibility for any injury, loss or damage to person or property which results from participation in an equestrian activity. Each participant shall have the sole individual responsibility for knowing the range of his or her own ability to manage, care for, and control a particular horse or perform a particular equestrian activity, and it shall be the duty of each participant to act within the limits of the participant's own ability, to maintain reasonable control of the particular horse or horses at all times while participating in an equestrian activity, to heed all posted warnings, to perform equestrian activities only in an area or in facilities designated by the horseman and to refrain from acting in a manner which may cause or contribute to the injury of anyone. If while actually riding in an equestrian event, any participant collides with any object or person, except an obviously intoxicated person of whom the horseman is aware, or if the participant falls from the horse or from a horse-drawn conveyance, the responsibility for such collision or fall shall be solely that of the participant or participants involved and not that of the horseman.

A participant involved in an accident shall not depart from the area or facility where the equestrian activity took place without leaving personal identification, including name and address, or without notifying the proper authorities, or without obtaining assistance when that person knows or reasonably should know that any other person involved in the accident is in need of medical or other assistance.

Any participant shall be liable for injury, loss or damage resulting from violations of the duties set forth above.

Under the Equestrian Responsibility Act, certain duties are imposed upon those providing equestrian activities or facilities and if those duties are violated, said providers are liable for injury, loss or damage caused by failure to follow those duties or the violation of the duty is causally related to the injury, loss or damage suffered. The provider shall not be liable for any injury, loss or damage caused by the negligence of any person who is not an agent or an employee of the provider of said activities or facilities. Those providing such activities or facilities shall be liable for acts or omissions that constitute gross negligence or willful and wanton conduct which is the proximate cause of injury to a participant or the intentional injury which he or she inflicts upon a participant of equestrian activities.

Please provide the following information

(PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY)

- 1) LAST NAME _____
- 2) FIRST NAME _____
- 3) ADDRESS _____

- 4) CITY _____
- 5) STATE _____ 6) ZIP CODE _____
- 7) DAY PHONE _____
- 8) NIGHT PHONE _____
- 9) BIRTHDATE _____
- 10) E-MAIL _____ (OPTIONAL)

THANK YOU!