UPHA Safety Recommendations

The UPHA recommends that each Horse Show have a pre-show meeting with trainers to review safety procedures and emergency plans.

Horse Show managers should have:
- Emergency plan recommended by the hosting facility
- Emergency plan in place as provided by the USEF
- Horse ambulance and veterinary information
- EMT and ambulance transport

Horse Show should have an Emergency Kit available in center ring, containing the following items:
- Four (4) emergency lanterns / Lights with batteries
- Bullhorn or Megaphone
- Rope
- Halter and Lead Shank (Horse and Pony)
- Bandages / Vet Wrap
- Two (2) tarps
- Four (4) dark color towels
- Knife
- Duct tape
- All-purpose tool
- Two-way radios with batteries
- Markers
- Note Pads
- Pencils
- Maps and emergency numbers to veterinary hospitals
- Duffle Bag with side pockets

In case of a Blackout or Power Outage:
- Riders/Drivers should remain on their horse or in their carts, Stop and Stand.
- Riders/Drivers should stay calm, and speak to their horses in a soothing voice (this will help other riders/drivers to locate where they are).
- Trainers, parents and others outside the ring should illuminate cell phones, penlights, or other equipment that may illuminate the area until emergency lighting has been established.
- Trainers and parents should wait until instructed by horse show management before entering the ring.

In case of a Runaway or Loose Horse:
- Horse Show announcer should instruct riders/drivers to stay on their horses and move to center ring.
- Follow the instructions of the Ringmaster.
- Riders should not attempt to help catch the loose horse.
- Spectators should not attempt to help catch the loose horse.
- Try to keep the loose horse along the rail until the horse is calmer and slows to a safe speed to allow the Ringmaster and Horse Show staff to safely catch the horse.

Reminder:
When the Judge calls for the line-up, exhibitors must continue in a clockwise direction to bring their entries to the line-up.