



# NHMA Golden Safety Rules

NHMA Safety Management System provides guidelines to ensure a high level of safety for our activities. The guidelines apply to all participants during all club events and activities. Below is a high-level summary of points essential to ensure compliance with the Safety Management System and maintain your and the public's safety.

- **Rally Co-ordinator** - Is responsible for the control of all exhibits and must ensure a **documented** rally risk assessment is carried out in conjunction with daily toolbox meetings.
- **Insurance and Age Limits** - The minimum age for machinery exhibitors is 10 years and all exhibitors must have appropriate public liability insurance.
- **Clothing** - Appropriate clothing and footwear should be worn at all times.
- **Exhibit Placement** - All powered mechanical exhibits must be fenced. The 1.5 away from the fence and 1 metre between exhibits rule should be followed as a minimum with flywheel and belt operation parallel to the compound fence.
- **Unloading and loading**- Ensure adequate space and the suitability of winches etc. being used. Do not hold onto suspended loads during loading/unloading exhibits but rather use a tag line.
- **Licensing** -Where applicable exhibitors and participants must be appropriately high risk licenced and pressure vessels certified.
- **Public Entry to Compounds** - Non-insured persons may enter compounds at the discretion of the rally coordinator provided that they are appropriately inducted and escorted at all times.
- **Exhibit Supervision and Refuelling** -Operating exhibits must be attended at all times by a person **capable of safely operating the device**. Internal combustion engines must not be refuelled while operating.
- **Belt Starting** -Loose belt starting of an exhibit from a running engine is prohibited.
- **Hazard Consideration** - Particular care should be given to the potential hazards of displays:
  - Drive belts, Drive chains & Drive shafts (Entanglement)
  - Gearing, cogs, wheels (Crushing & Entrapment)
  - Blades, spikes, cutters, propellers (Cutting & Crushing)
  - Exhausts, cooling water, fuel & other chemicals (Burns)
  - Excess noise
- **Alcohol & Illicit Drugs** - Must not be consumed in compounds or while operating machinery.
- **Tractor Activities** - Only permitted in a public excluded areas. Passengers are not allowed unless there is an allocated seat. Modified tractors are not permitted to take part in NHMA insured tractor pulls.
- **Driver Qualification** - Tractor operators must be appropriately licenced or accepted as competent by the Rally organisers.
- **Moving Tractors In Public Rally Spaces** - Restricted to walking pace under a marshal's supervision.
- **Public Roads** - Tractors operated on public roadway must comply with State or Territory registration, insurance and licencing requirements.
- **Static Tractor Displays** - May be displayed outside compounds provided that unauthorized access is managed, and that the vehicle is rendered inoperative and in a stationary condition.

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