

AUSTRALASIAN LIVING HISTORY FEDERATION (ALHF)

SAFETY PRINCIPLES – 2005 to 2006

Introduction

These ***ALHF Safety Principles*** have been compiled for the safe conduct of member activities as outlined in the ALHF constitution and amendments.

These general principles of safety **must** be followed at any event or activity organised or undertaken by a member, or member group of ALHF.

These ***ALHF Safety Principles***:

- Are not just for events or activities involving the use or display of swords, firearms or other weapons.
- Are not restricted by the nature of the event (private or public, display or skirmish etc.)

In general, these principles cover every event/activity ALHF member groups undertake that is defined by ALHF as a legitimate living history or historical reenactment activity.

ALHF acknowledges that all events vary in form and nature. However member groups must adhere to the following principles in order to minimise any risk of injury during a member activity, to maximise safe conduct, and to ensure continued public liability insurance coverage for our members.

The related ALHF Safety Guidelines Document is available to member groups for assistance in interpreting and meeting the requirements of the following principles.

ALHF Safety Principles

- 1) **Legislative Compliance:** ALHF members are fundamentally required to comply with any legislative requirements/regulations governing the use of weapons or the undertaking of historical reenactment applicable in the relevant State or Territory.
- 2) **Safe Conduct:** No individual shall deliberately or intentionally aim to injure or harm another individual.
- 3) **Storage & Security:** All weapons including reproductions, prohibited and non-prohibited, and all types of weapons including swords, firearms, etc., are to be safely secured at all times, including when traveling to and from events and during events.
- 4) **Display Boundaries:** All displays of any type shall have clearly defined public areas with safety boundaries. These boundaries are to be regularly checked and, where a potentially unsafe situation may occur, or where prohibited or restricted weapons are on display, are to be constantly monitored.
- 5) **Events/Activity:** All participants in any group sanctioned event or activity (such as, but not restricted to combat or weapon firing/use) shall hold all current relevant Government permits, licenses or other forms of compliance necessary for the undertaking in public or private of such event or activity. The record or evidence of such compliance will be provided on request to ALHF or any relevant Authority.
- 6) **Competency:** All members of member groups are to be competent in any approved activity undertaken. The record or evidence of such competency will be provided on request to ALHF or any relevant Authority by the member group.
- 7) **Emergencies Contingency:** Medical and emergency contingency procedures are to be maintained and regularly reviewed, with evidence of such review available on request. Also, an emergency contingency analysis is to be conducted for each event/activity.
- 8) **Safety Control:** A 'Safety Officer' will be appointed at every event/activity. The Safety Officer will be responsible for overall event/activity safety and specifically for monitoring weapons safety procedures (particularly firearms). This shall be an experienced participant, authorised to halt any activities they judge unsafe or non-compliant with these principles or any relevant legislation. They may nominate deputies.
- 9) **Events Notifications:** Adequate and proper notification is to be made to any relevant Authority for any applicable event (i.e. use of Historical Reenactment Permits for Firearms).
- 10) **General Safety:** A hazard risk analysis for all events/activities is to be undertaken. This is to highlight specific risk hazards such as fire, tent ropes, ground conditions, vehicle movements, security, drugs and alcohol or similar hazards or activities and determine relevant responses.