



RDA Instructors & Helpers Riding Hat Assessment Module

What's it all about?

The British Equestrian Trade Association (BETA) and Riding for the Disabled Association have worked together to produce a new riding hat assessment module suitable for instructors and helpers.

What is BETA?

BETA is the trade association set up over 30 years ago for the horse industry and it aids and supports all sections of the equestrian trade. BETA's objectives are to enable equestrian businesses (saddlery shops and manufacturers of horse equipment) to trade to the highest standards possible, providing a quality service and expert advice.

BETA provides training for tack shops and saddleries. All members of BETA are individually assessed and sign up to the BETA code of conduct and fulfil the strict criteria required of their membership. When you see the BETA sign you can shop with confidence.

Aims

The aim of the Safety Equipment Module is to improve rider safety by teaching instructors how to assess the suitability of their pupils' riding hats. BETA retailers trained in safety equipment fitting can provide you with training on how to check the fit and suitability of your riders' hats.

The information also covers care of the above equipment.

The next step

1. To find out who your local BETA retailer is who can help you with the module contact BETA on 01937 587062 or email tinar@beta-int.com



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Guidelines

To be able to assess the suitability for use of Riding Hats

Key Points

Riding Hats

- * Know what to look for in a correctly fitting Riding Hat
- * To understand the importance of correctly adjusting both the throat/jaw and back straps of Riding Hats
- * To be aware of the safety standards for Riding Hats
- * To know when Riding Hats should be replaced
- * To know how to care for Riding Hats

Teaching, Testing Ideas & Resources

- Both correctly & incorrectly fitted and adjusted Riding Hats to be demonstrated & explained.
- To demonstrate the correct storage of riding hats using protective carriers & tack room fittings that are away from both direct heat and damp
- To work through the BETA information leaflets for Riding Hats
- Understand where the standards are shown on riding hats and identify obsolete standards through the labels

Practical: - Use a selection of riding hats that are too big, too small and have incorrectly adjusted harnesses and place them on a member of staff and ask delegates to identify the problems.

Practical: Have a selection of hats to both current and obsolete standards and ask members to identify which are safe to use.

Recommended Reading

Safety information leaflets published by the British Equestrian Trade Association (BETA).

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