



EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES

During periods of extreme weather conditions it is recommended that lines of communication are established between Club and Demonstrator, when possible in advance of the date of the booking.

Open and frank discussions should take place between the Demonstrator and Club Chairman &/or Programme Secretary. Severity of the weather must impact upon the decision by either party to continue with the event and individual's health and safety should be considered at all times.

Either party (Club or Demonstrator) may reach the decision to cancel the event in the best interests of all concerned. This decision should be made with direct reference to the current or forecast weather conditions. Help and advice may be obtained by contacting the local police, the MET office, motoring organisations, or regional news channels and websites. The decision to cancel by either party should not be made prematurely, as weather conditions can change from day to day.

Both parties should remember that severe weather may be regionalised and conditions will possibly differ greatly from area to area.

Once a decision has been made then both parties should reach an understanding in the form of a gentleman's agreement*. Costs may have already been incurred by the demonstrator, as flowers need to be bought well in advance, or they may have incurred vehicle hire costs. Should either party cancel then it is recommended that the Club would reimburse the demonstrator any costs already incurred and the demonstrator would waive their fee.

Clubs are strongly recommended to consider possible alternative entertainment for their evening if severe weather may be forecast. Contingency plans could include Club members doing a selection of mini demonstrations and it may be beneficial for the Club to consider ordering the demonstrator's flowers and having them already at the venue, so they have some flowers and materials to work with in the event of the demonstrator needing to cancel.

Clubs are reminded to consider taking out event cancellation insurance for open or large scale demonstrations.

(* A **gentlemen's agreement** is an informal agreement between two or more parties. It may be written, oral, or simply understood as part of an unspoken agreement by convention, or through mutually beneficial etiquette. The essence of a gentlemen's agreement is that it relies upon the honour of the parties for its fulfilment, rather than being in any way enforceable.)