



EXTREME CONDITIONS RECOMMENDED GUIDELINES

During periods of extreme conditions (Weather, National Crisis, Health, Warfare, Terrorism, Act of God or any other threat to stability or safety) 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 and/or Programme Secretary. Severity of the condition must impact upon the decision by either party to continue with the event and the 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. It is possible that Government Legislation or local restrictions imposed may necessitate cancellation. Help and advice may be sought from Social Media, Websites and Regional News and from Authorities, i.e. the local Police, NHS, the Met Office and Motoring Organisations.

Both parties should remember that severe conditions may be regionalised and conditions will possibly differ greatly from area to area. Weather cancellation decisions should not be made prematurely as these can considerably vary from day to day.

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. **The Club should rebook the demonstrator at the time of cancellation when possible.**

Clubs are strongly recommended to consider possible alternative entertainment for their afternoon/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. Careful scrutiny of the policy is necessary to include Global Disease Pandemic or any other threat causing cancellation.

(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.)*