



# PROTECT YOUR HEAD

*Did You  
Know?*

Equestrians are 20x more  
likely to sustain an injury  
than a motorcycle rider,  
per hour.

**60:** number of  
deaths/year due to head  
injuries (compared with 8 for  
Football)

1 in 5 equestrian injuries  
are head injuries.

60% of riding fatalities  
occur from head injuries.

20% of riding injuries are  
head injuries.



HOPE REMAINS RANCH

## SC Code: §47-9-710

(6) "Inherent risk of equine activity" means those dangers or conditions which are an integral part of equine activities, including, but not limited to:

- (a) the propensity of an equine to behave in ways that may result in injury, harm, or death to a person on or around the equine;
- (b) the unpredictability of an equine's reaction to sound, sudden movement, an unfamiliar object, a person, or another animal;
- (c) certain hazards such as surface and subsurface conditions;
- (d) collisions with other equines or objects; and
- (e) the potential of a participant to act in a negligent manner that may contribute to injury to the participant or others, as failing to maintain control over the animal or not acting within the participant's ability.

## Hope Remains Youth Ranch Adult Helmet Waiver, Assumption of Risk, and Release of Liability

I, the undersigned, have been fully warned and advised by Hope Remains Youth Ranch that I should wear protective headgear of a quality not less than SEI Certified ASTM Standard F1163 Equestrian Riding Helmet while riding and working around horses. I fully recognize and accept the inherent risks and unforeseen dangers of equine activities. I realize that I am subject to injury from this activity and that no form of preplanning can remove all of the danger to which I am exposing myself. By signing either the declination or acceptance below, I acknowledge I have been made aware that an ATSM/SEI approved equestrian helmet can prevent head injuries and/or traumatic brain injuries in the event of an accident. I am aware that Hope Remains Youth Ranch requires ALL riders to wear ATSM/SEI approved equestrian helmets while mounted and strongly recommends wearing ATSM/SEI approved equestrian helmets while working around equines.

### I acknowledge that I understand the following:

**ALL RIDERS (ADULTS AND MINORS) MUST WEAR AN ATSM/SEI APPROVED HELMET WHILE MOUNTED.**

**ADULT PARTICIPANTS ONLY MAY DECLINE TO WEAR A SAFETY HELMET WHILE IN THE PRESENCE OF EQUINES AND IN DOING SO WILL ASSUME ALL RISK AND LIABILITY ASSOCIATED WITH THE ABOVE DESCRIBED DANGERS.**

**ALL MINORS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR AN ATSM/SEI APPROVED HELMET AT ALL TIMES WHILE IN THE PRESENCE OF EQUINES.**

**REFUSAL TO WEAR AN ATSM/SEI APPROVED HELMET WHILE MOUNTED WILL RESULT IN REVOCATION OF RIDING PRIVILEGES. THIS APPLIES TO BOTH ADULTS AND MINORS.**

In consideration of Hope Remains Youth Ranch allowing my participation in equine activities, I, for myself, my heirs, my successors, my assigns, and my legal representatives expressly agree to hold harmless, release and discharge Hope Remains Youth Ranch, and their owners, executors, administrators, assigns, employees, managers, directors, officers, attorneys, affiliated companies, and agents from all claims, causes of action, damages, liabilities, grievances, and demands of any kind, known or unknown against Hope Remains Youth Ranch arising out of or in connection with my participation in equine related activities. This release is for any relief, no matter how described. I understand and acknowledge my intent to release all claims that legally can be released.

### Acceptance

I have read and understand the above disclaimer and it has been explained to me in a language I understand, and I have been told that if I have any questions about helmet use and safety around equines, they will be answered. I acknowledge that my signing of this safety notice and liability release is a voluntary act on my part and that I have not been coerced into signing this document by anyone.

Signature of Participant or Parent/Legal Guardian of a Minor Participant

Date