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The Future

I never think about the future. It comes soon enough

Albert Einstein



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FLA Mission Statement

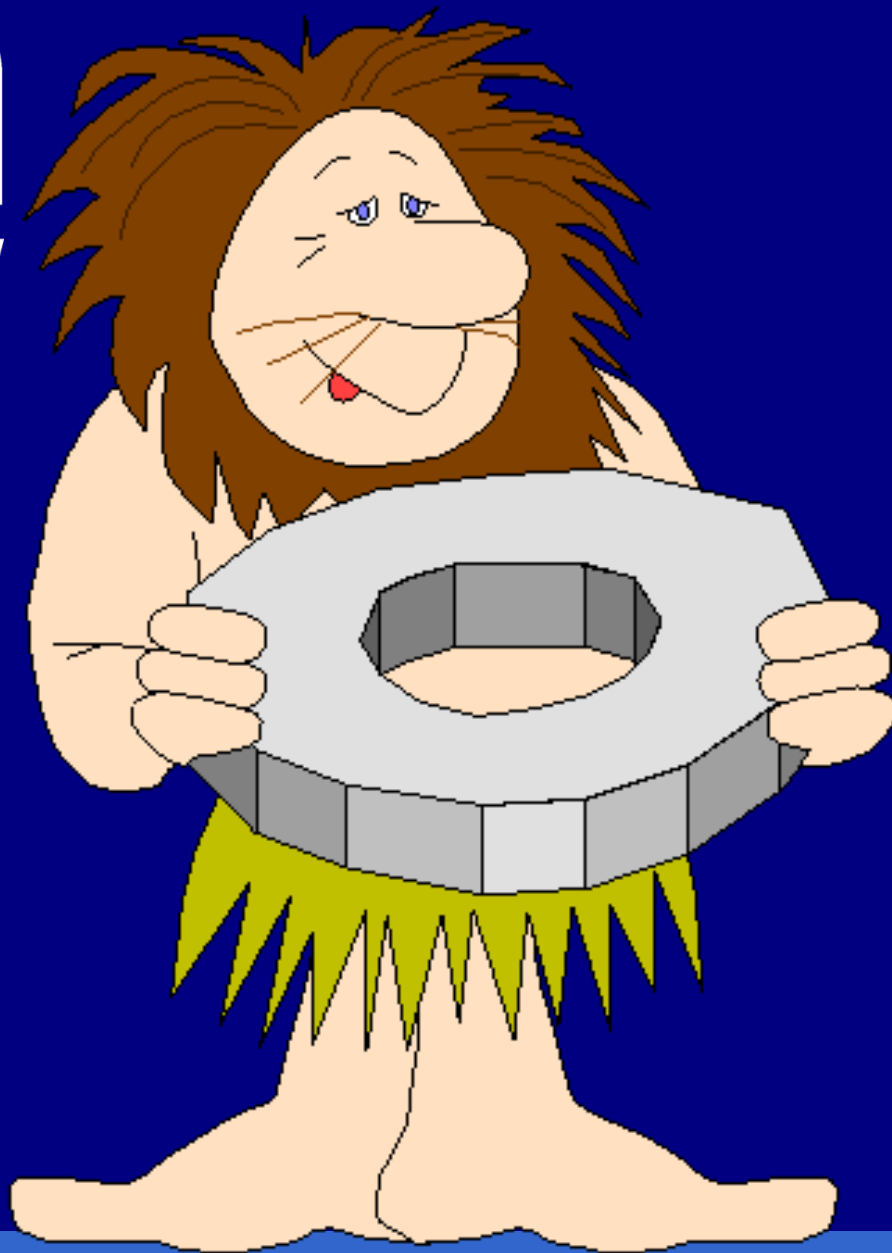
**Our mission is to ensure that all spectators
regardless of age, gender, ethnic origin, disability
or the team they support
are able to attend sports grounds
in safety, comfort and security**

Responsibility for Safety

- **The responsibility for the safety of spectators lies at all times with the ground management**
- **Management will normally be either the owner or lessee of the ground, who may not necessarily be the promoter of the event**



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Safety Certificate – Local Authority

- **Number of spectators who may safely be admitted to each sector**
- **Terms and conditions necessary or expedient to secure reasonable safety of spectators**

Certificate Contravention

**If any term or condition of
a safety certificate is contravened,
any responsible person
and the holder of the certificate
shall be guilty of an offence.**



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Key Areas of Progress

- **Structures**
- **Facilities and amenities**
- **Safety management**
- **Safety personnel**
- **Composition of the crowd**



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Available Advice and Guidance

- **Safety at Sports Grounds**
- **Accessible Stadia**
- **Concourses**
- **Control Rooms**
- **Safety Management**



Licensing Act 2003

- **Applicant produces operating schedule**
- **Responsibility lies with applicant**



Regulatory Reform (Fire Safety) Order 2005

**Responsibility for drawing up the
fire safety plan rests with the person
responsible for the premises**

Modern Approach to Safety

- **Undertake risk assessments**
- **Identify necessary measures**
- **Draw up operations manual**
- **Implement operations manual**



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Consultation on Safety Certification

Less-directive system of safety certification

based on risk assessment and an operations manual

produced by the ground management



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Consultation on Safety Certification

- **Very positive responses**
- **Model safety certificate**
- **Examine scope for better training**



The Challenge

- **How do we move from a top down to a bottom up system without a reduction in safety standards ?**
- **How do we ensure that the safety officer is not overridden by complacent senior management ?**



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Risk Assessment and Operations Manual

- **Must be clearly documented**
- **Must be undertaken by occupationally competent persons**
- **Conditions should normally be consistent with the Green Guide**



FLA Involvement

- **Focus oversight particularly on the local authority**
- **Level of involvement based upon risk assessment**





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