

Event Safety in the UK

Introduction

- Local Council Safety Officer for 23 years
- Freelance Event Safety Coordinator/
Consultant 8 years
- Working at Events since 1985
- Worked on Events - UK, Europe, Africa,
USA, Middle East

UK Legal Framework for Events

- EEC Directives
- UK Legislation (HASAW Act / Regulations)
- Applies to all WORK activities including Events



Safety Responsibilities

- Promoter - In Management Control!
 - Laws & standards met
 - Competent Companies
- Individual Companies
- Artists



Event H&S Coordinator



- Work for Promoter / Event Organiser
- Ensure different elements of the event are safe - Planning / Build / Event / Break down
- Liaise with Council - Permits & Permissions
- Liaise with the Touring Production & Tour Companies

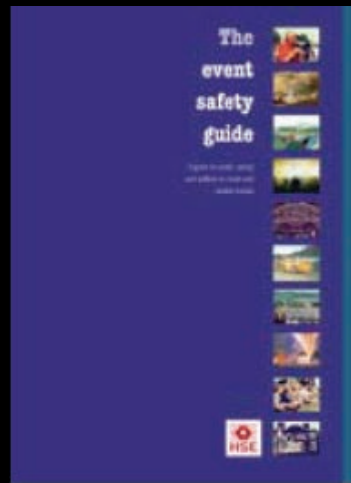
Event H&S Coordinator



- Collate H&S documentation from Companies involved - H&S Policies, Risk Assessments, Insurances
- Monitor safety compliance on site
- Ensure the Event Management Plan is in place
- Show stop, wind and wet weather management, emergency procedures...

Major UK Safety Guidance

- The Event Guide
- Temporary Demountable Structures Guide



Current UK Developments & Problem Areas

Wet Weather Management at Events

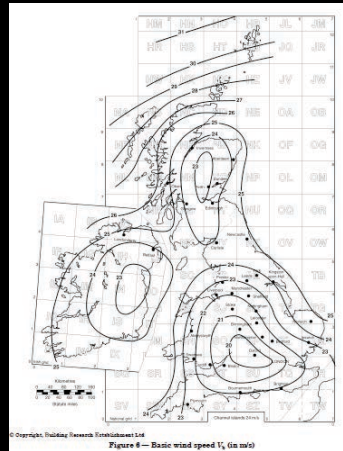
- 2012 Unprecedented rainfall
- Events cancelled or seriously affected

What should we do?

- Monitoring & Forecasting
- Management Plan & Actions
- Insurance Company Involvement

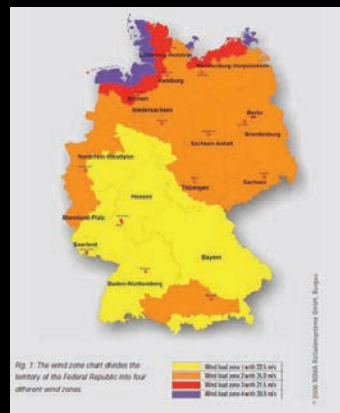
Wind Management at Events

BS 6399 - 2, 1997



STANDARDS & GUIDANCE AVAILABLE?

DIN 1055 - 4



DIN 4112 / DIN EN 13782



Structural
Calculations
available?

Maximum
Windspeeds
known?

Competent
contractors?

Non
engineered
structures?

DESIGN OF STRUCTURES

Built as per
design?

Orientation
to prevailing winds
considered?

Completion
Certification?

Forecast
Information

On site
Management

WIND MONITORING

On site
Anemometer(s)

Local Information

Previous Event
History

Wind trigger levels
known - Level 1 & 2 Action
Levels

Resources
available to action
plan

MANAGEMENT PLAN

Actions to be
taken detailed

Effective
Communication

Changes in Safety Enforcement

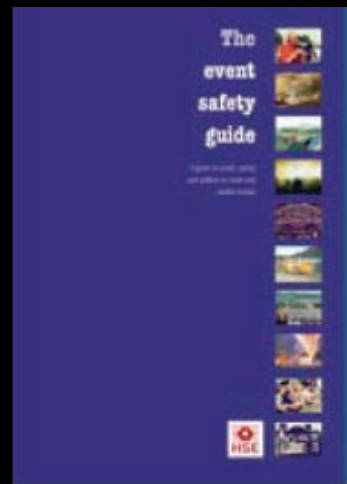
CDM Regulations

- Construction Design & Management Regulations
- Contrary to some talk there is no change in the enforcement of CDM to Events
- “a project that will last more than 30 days or involve more than 500 person days”

CDM Regulations

“HSE policy is that CDM does not provide a useful regulatory framework for temporary structures used in an event setting. This is because the CDM Regulations were specifically drafted for the procurement and delivery of projects in the construction industry”

UK Event Safety Guide



- Foundation of H&S standards in the UK event industry
- Being reviewed & updated by Industry Group not HSE
- Also being developed in USA by Event Safety Alliance -
www.eventsafetyalliance.org

Questions?