Safety Advisory Groups
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Scottish Rugby
Building Control
Licensing of events
Public Safety
Safety at Sports Grounds
Marches and Parades
Festival Fireworks
Pope Benedict XVI Visit
Marches and Parades
Safety Advisory Group
SAG

Events Planning and Operation Group
EPOG
What is a SAG

A group of appropriately experienced individuals brought together to consider and review the “event” safety arrangements.

The responsibility for safety at an event remains fully with the promoter.

It does not give permission nor have any legislative powers.

Members may have other legal responsibilities.
Why should you have one

Widely recognised as an essential part of the generic event safety planning process, COSLA Sports Grounds Safety Authority (FLA) Guide to Safety at Sports Grounds - Green guide
The Purple Guide, Health, Safety and Welfare at Music and Other Events (EIF)
Taylor report - Hillsborough
Emergency Planning College (EPC) – report
Who should be in one

CORE GROUP

LA Chair

Local Authority
  Building Control
  Roads
  Legal
  Environmental

Transport
  Trains
  Buses

NHS
  Ambulance

Police
  Operational
  Licensing
  Traffic

Fire And Rescue

Promoter Club
What should they do

Collectively examine the safety aspects and impacts of an event
Support event organisers
Give advice and recommendations to
• Regulatory committees
• Licensing committees
When do you need one

Periodically – determined by need

Impact of the event

- Risk profile
- Disruption to the normal running of the local area
- Number of participants
- Statutory permissions

Request from any partner agency or organiser
What are the benefits

One point of contact
Consistency of approach
Establish good working relationships
Fully informed process
Clear audit trail – minutes of meetings
Reduces unproductive time and workload
Easy flow and dissemination of information
What are the benefits

Ensure high standard of safety measures.
MACC established – Major incident coordination
Minimise impact on local communities and businesses.
Enable appropriate resources to be engaged in a wider context
Financial, cultural and reputational
Debrief and review to learn and improve.
What are the limitations

Not every event needs a SAG
Members need to have relevant experience
Non-engagement of organiser
Conflict of Interest
Establish clear lines of responsibility
Membership can be large
Hogmanay Street Party

Main SAG

- Medical Sub Group
- Logistics Sub Group
- Communication Sub Group
- Transport Sub Group
- Media Sub Group
Comments & Questions
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