

Typical Safety Assessment Questions

Which frequencies can be used on our sites?

The only frequencies permitted on our sites are 2.4GHz, 868MHz and 35MHz.

What is the correct order to switch your radio equipment on and off?

Switch on transmitter first followed by the receiver. Switch off receiver first followed by transmitter.

How would you perform a range check?

Check control movements at a distance of at least 20m in range check mode or with the aerial retracted or otherwise in accordance with manufacturers guidance.

When using a peg board system for 35MHz, does MVSA use peg on or off?

MVSA uses the peg off system for frequency control of 35MHz.

What should we never do with our transmitter in the car park?

Never switch on your transmitter in the car park.

What should we do before switching on our transmitter?

Check your frequency is free if on 35MHz.

What should you check before launching?

Model is in good condition with no damage in transit. Batteries are well charged.

All control surfaces working correctly.

Assess all possible hazards and determine the landing areas

Call out loudly "Launching" to warn other flyers.

Before starting your landing approach, what should you do?

Check landing area is free of dangers and loudly call out "Landing".

After landing what actions must be taken?

Vacate the landing area as soon as possible, removing any debris if necessary.

Once back in the pits, check model for damage and switch off model and transmitter.

What type of models can be flown on our sites.

Gliders and electric power assisted gliders. No hot-liners.

How many models are allowed to fly at the same time on this site?

13 on Butser and Mercury. 6 on Harting. Reduce this under adverse conditions.

Who is responsible for safety on site?

Everyone present.

When the public are crossing a flying / landing site, who has priority?

The public. The safety of the public is paramount.

If you get into difficulty when flying what should you do?

Call out a warning, so others are aware. Someone may also be able to assist if they know.

When flying with hang/paragliders, what must you never do?

Never allow a model to cross the silhouette of a hang/paraglider.

What action is required after a serious incident or accident?

This must be reported to a committee member as soon as possible.

A written incident report will be required in event of a collision, near miss, injury or damage to 3rd party property.

Note: see BMFA article 16 for reporting guidance.