

10. MEDIA SAFETY BOOK

There is need for a safety guide specifically for the visual media. The minimum recommended content of this book is listed below. The Media Safety Book should be distributed to the Media before the start of the rally.

In order to best prepare this book, the organiser should:

- 1) Invite an experienced professional motorsport photographer and/or a cameraman to inspect the special stages together with the Press Officer and the Safety Officer as soon as the rally route is decided.
- 2) Identify within each stage a number of safe areas ('photo areas') for use by photographers and TV crews. Where possible, there must be dedicated tabard media parking as close as possible to these locations, as well as at stage ends. Where access is not possible, due to restricted space and/or safety concerns, this must be clearly communicated in the Media Safety Book.
- 3) These 'photo areas' should be described on paper and accompanied by a photograph depicting the resulting image. There should be diagrams for each location indicating in detail:
 - The SS number and length
 - The SS road closing time for tabard media
 - The SS starting time for the first car
 - The road book reference and GPS reference
 - The specific zone of the photo areas
 - The spectator areas
 - The tabard media parking
 - The access roads
 - The distance, on the SS road, of the photo areas from the SS start/finish
 - The safety taping
- 4) All the proposed diagrams should be approved by the Safety Officer.
- 5) The approved diagrams will form one section of the Media Safety Book.
- 6) The book should also include:
 - The written description of which areas tabard holders may access and what kind of actions they may perform. At minimum, this section must be produced in English and the local language.
 - Example
 - They should be allowed to walk and stand immediately in front of the spectator tape / marker boundary, to walk from one point of the stage to another and/or cross the stage during the intervals between the passage of the rally cars, always in accordance with marshals' safety instructions. In addition, tabard media may be permitted to exit the special stages between the running of repeated stages, in the direction of the rally route. This will be permitted only when identified in the Media Safety Book and only after the stage commander has announced the opening of the road after the first passage of rally cars.
 - The specific photo areas, for the use of tabard holders only, must be properly taped, signed and with restricted access. Media marshals, especially briefed on media needs, duties and rights, should be identifiable at the photo areas.
 - Areas where marshals and police are standing are deemed as safe locations; tabard media are permitted to stand with these safety officials.
 - The overview maps of all stages with reserved roads, intersection roads, closure points, photo areas, tabard and media parking.
 - A complete sample of all authorised passes, tabards (permanent and rally by rally) and media and tabard media car passes.
 - The identification and handling of the media (Media Safety & Identification), as stated in the appendices of the media facilities.

Organisers should take into account different levels of preparation required at each photo area, in accordance with local circumstances and the quantity of tabard media likely to be in attendance.

The Media Safety Book should be distributed to all tabard holders and to all stage commanders, safety and security personnel.