



# Middlesex County Automobile Club Ltd

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## Welcome! Enjoying Safe Motorsport Marshalling

This document is issued by the Motor Sports Association, but edited for easier reading and additional information.

### What to take.

Pen, paper or notebook. Whistle. Warning Triangle. Event supplied information and required passes or tickets.

Suitable Clothing, food and suitable drinks, hot or cold, but never alcoholic.

Map of location, post code, co-ordinates or map reference.

Chief Marshal or other Official's contact details.

### Bring a Volunteer.

If you want to bring a friend, please do but only if you and the friend can do the job needed. Please inform the Chief Marshal or Stage Commander as there may be a need for special arrangements to be made.

Advise your friend to register with the MSA on [www.msauk.org](http://www.msauk.org)

## *RALLIES*

### What to do.

Arrive at the right time or possibly just in advance. Read pre-event instructions.

Sign-on. This is your declaration that you are fit to do the job and includes you in the event insurance.

Check with the officials as to your required location and job. Attend any marshal's briefing.

Drive to your given location and park where directed. If there is no actual instruction, park above the track, behind trees or at least 30 metres away from the track and never in a "Straight-On" situation. This may mean you will have to move your car if the stage is reversed or altered.

Liaise with other local marshals and those on adjacent posts including your nearest radio car.

Assess your area and work out escape routes that might be used if a car overshoots.

Check your area for arrows and other boards. If these are damaged, you may be required to replace them, or send a message to that effect if the stage is to be re-run.

Check that any spectators are above the track, behind trees or well away from danger.

Once the event starts, stand in a safe place, not in a box junction or anywhere that may be dangerous. Do not block the view for spectators. Beware of cars overshooting and throwing stones or mud. If a car goes off or stops, you will need to signal the on-coming cars. There will be a triangle in each car, but it may be quicker to use your own to signal to following cars. Radio cars may have a yellow flag, but this should only be used when there is a major incident that involves the Rescue and/or Recovery services being deployed. It should not be used for any other purpose. When the situation is clearer and a car has to stay at your location, use the triangle from the car and make sure the OK board is placed in a visible point on the car. If there is a need for Medical assistance, send a runner to the nearest radio car and use the SOS board to inform the following cars of the problem.



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## What to avoid.

Do not use your phone, headset or take photos unless there is a need dictated by the event. Sometimes we need photos to prove such as cars taking short-cuts and you are named as a Judge-of-Fact.

Avoid standing in big groups, in locations barred to spectators or block them from seeing the action or taking photos. Do not sit or kneel down while the event is live.

## When it's over.

Check you have all your belongings. Tidy your area and remove and stack all the stage equipment at the side of the track. If the route is not clearly apparent, leave one arrow for the other marshals leaving. Never leave your position until the Sweeper Car is past and you have been stood-down via the radio system.

On leaving your position, drive via stage route unless told otherwise. Drive carefully and beware of other people walking or still removing stage equipment. Also beware Rescue or Recovery vehicles that may need a clear run through the stage or are working on a stranded vehicle.

## *RACING.*

Many of the Rally notes are applicable but some things are a little different on the Race Track.

## What to do.

You will have to park in a designated area and walk to your post with your equipment. At your post, ask the Post Chief what duties are required of you and where your responsibilities start and end. Assess your route to the track and back to see if it's clear or if there is any hazard that might cause delay or tripping.

## When it's over.

Check all equipment is replaced. Take all your own personal equipment and litter home.

Check with your Post Chief if there is need for a report or debrief.

Get an attendance signature if required. Ask about future events.

## Golden Rules for all disciplines.

Always stay alert and watch cars approaching and departing in case one comes towards you. Keep in mind the fact that your fellow marshals may not have seen an incident and warn them if required.

Your safety priorities are as follows: YOU, your fellow marshals, the spectators, the competitors and lastly the cars.

If you have a track incident and have the competitor in your location, watch for signs of deteriorating condition and report immediately.

Competitors are usually well protected within their vehicles but may need aid to escape from them. If you suspect injury, get additional help. Always protect the competitor and yourself from any following vehicles.

In case of fire, turn off the electrical cut-out and operate the fire extinguisher system, both usually operated by a button or pull-cable on the scuttle. If that fails to extinguish the fire, use any supplied by the organisers and inform event control as soon as possible.

You may need to explain circumstances to spectators if there is a delay etc.

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