

BE Safety Summary of Falls for 2007/08 Season

62,413 starters on 447 courses for UK competitions processed.

1,926 falls in total at Events, 1,837 occurred at a fence, 89 occurred on the flat.

Table 1: shows the 1,837 falls by fall type

Somersault horse falls	Non somersault Horse falls	Unseated rider	Total
46	244	1,547	1,926

Table 1: Categories of falls

Table 2: details the 1,547 unseated rider falls

	No Injury	Slight	Serious	Fatal	Severity not known	Total
Number of riders	1,369	155	23	0	0	1,547
Percentage	88.5%	10.0%	1.5%	0%	0%	100%

Table 2: Severity of injury from unseated rider falls

Table 3: details the 290 falls where the horse and rider both fell.

	No Injury	Slight Injury	Serious Injury	Fatal Injury	Not known if Injured	Total
Number of falls without somersaulting	184 75.4%	50 20.5%	10 4.1%	0 0%	0 0%	244 100%
Number of falls involving the horse somersaulting	15 32.6%	19 41.3%	12 26.1%	0 0%	0 0%	46 100%
Total number of falls	199 68.6%	69 23.8%	22 7.6%	0 0%	0 0%	290 100%

Table 3: Severity of injury from horse and rider somersault and non-somersault falls.

Table 4 outlines results of all the reporting periods to date: July 02 to June 03, July 03 to June 04, July 04 to June 05, July 05 to June 06 and July 06 June 07 and July 07 to June 08.

Fall Type		July 02- June 03	July 03- June 04	July 04- June 05	July 05- June 06	July 06- June 07	July 07- June 08	Combined results
Somersault falls	No. of seriously/fatally injured riders	33	14	20	18	18	12	115
	Total number of somersault falls	90	60	60	68	55	46	379
	Percentage	37%	23%	33%	26%	33%	26%	30%
Non- somersault falls	No. of seriously/fatally injured riders	28	22	13	9	9	10	91
	Total number of non-somersault falls	235	210	197	178	236	244	1,300
	Percentage	12%	11%	7%	5%	4%	4%	7%
Unseated rider falls	No. of seriously/fatally injured riders	43	33	30	31	23	23	183
	Total number of Unseated Rider falls	1,257	1,182	1,275	1,316	1,492	1547	8,069
	Percentage	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%

Table 4. Results of 2002/03, 2003/04, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2006/07 and 2007 to 2008 seasons.

Using the combined result from the above table, so using all the data collected, this gives us the following risk factors for the different types of fall:

Somersault horse fall	30%	risk of a serious/fatal outcome
Non-somersault horse fall	7%	risk of a serious/fatal outcome
Unseated rider fall	2%	risk of a serious/fatal outcome

Year	Number of competitors	Serious injury	% Risk of Serious Injury
July 02 – June 03	44,962	108	0.24%
July 03 – June 04	41,221	69	0.17%
July 04 – June 05	47,934	66	0.14%
July 05 – June 06	56,041	63	0.11%
July 06 – June 07	60,357	52	0.09%
July 07 – June 08	64,462	48	0.07%

Table 5: Percentage Risk of Serious Injury by year