

Security & EMS

The sole objective of event security by any approved agency and/or company is the safety and security of the Horseshoe venue, Horseshoe staff, the lessee, their guests, and the public. The Horseshoe will provide a list of approved security agencies and companies to the lessee at the time of booking the event. The lessee may only select an agency or company from the approved security list. Any required security/EMS must arrive 30 minutes before the event and stay until all lessees and their guests and/or the public exit the complex. The below requirements are the minimum required by the Midland County Horseshoe. The chosen agency and/or company may choose to require stricter minimums than the below which the lessee must follow. Additionally, the Horseshoe will provide the renter with a required security responsibilities list which the renter must have their hired security perform.

The Midland County Horseshoe requires security for any of the following types of events:

- An event without alcohol or weapons with more than 300 in attendance including the lessee, their team, vendors, attendees and/or the public. There is a minimum of one officer/guard for the first 300 in attendance and an additional officer/guard for every additional 300 in attendance.
- An event with alcohol requires a minimum of two peace officers for the first 200 in attendance and an additional officer/guard for every additional 200 in attendance. If alcohol is going to be involved with an event, security must be on-site for the entire time of the event and not only when alcohol is present and/or being served.

Events exempt from security requirements:

- Any event without alcohol or weapons with less than 300 in attendance combined between lessee, their team, vendors, attendees and/or the public.
- Any event with, for or including emergency responders who are already in attendance.
- A Midland County sanctioned event such as but not limited to an election, training, etc. as designated by the Horseshoe Director and/or the Midland County Commissioners Court.

Security Definitions:

Officer - Peace Officer licensed by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

Guard - Person trained and licensed through the Texas Department of Public Safety as a Level II security guard.

Additional Security Information:

- All lessees, vendors, attendees, etc. are subject to search.
- All bags, boxes, coolers, containers, etc. are subject to search.
- Lights in the event space cannot be completely turned off during any event, however, they may dim.
- There is no re-entry into the facility if an attendee or lessee leaves after 10:00PM.
- The parking lots will be patrolled by security during the event.

In some cases, other arrangements may be made as deemed appropriate by the Horseshoe Director. Corporate events may use their in-house corporate security if deemed appropriate by the Horseshoe Director. Lessee shall provide any security and EMS deemed necessary by the Horseshoe Director or his designee(s) during all or part of lessees' rental period. Failure or refusal to provide required security & EMS will require the Horseshoe to do so from the approved list above at the lessees' expense. The lessee is responsible for hiring their chosen security agency/company and paying the officers/guards as directed to do so by the chosen company and/or agency. The lessee must provide confirmation of hired security and the number of officers/guards to the Horseshoe a minimum of seven (7) days prior to the event.

There are no guns, knives or weapons of any kind allowed to be brought on to Midland County Horseshoe property by anybody except event security personnel. All bags, boxes, coolers, containers, etc. are subject to search at any time. Anybody found in possession of a weapon will be removed from the facility and cannot return to the event(s). Events that require the presence of weapons such as a gun show, are permitted provided the proper precautions and all safety procedures are followed for securing guns upon entry, unloading all firearms, and securing knives in their safe positions.

Fire and Safety Regulations

The Horseshoe Director and the Midland County Fire Marshal are the final word on all matters regarding fire and safety within the Horseshoe complex. They (or their agents) will be allowed full access to all areas of the complex during events. Below are a few general guidelines:

- All exits and aisles leading to exits must be clear at all times and must maintain minimum clearances.
- All fire extinguisher boxes, pull stations, fire lanes and fire department valves must always be unobstructed.
- There are no live flames allowed on the Horseshoe property. Electric/battery candles are acceptable.
- Table decorations must be flameproof if used in conjunction with an open flame. Dried or dead plant materials are prohibited.
- Any motor vehicle on display in any building must not have more than ¼ tank of gas. Fuel tanks should be locked or taped, and the negative battery terminal must be removed and secured. All vehicles on display in any building or non-parking lot area must also have plastic or a drop cloth covering the entire area under the vehicle to catch any drips and leaks.
- No grills or open flames are allowed within ten (10) feet of any overhead structures. All pits and cookers must be located on paved surfaces only.
- Sterno warmers are accepted for use by approved catering vendors.

Additionally, the Midland County Fire Marshal reserves the right to require a fire watch for events that they deem may present an actual or potential hazard. In that case, the expense of this additional fire watch protection is the sole responsibility of the lessee.