

This Toolbox Safety Talk (**TST**) covers some essential safety points about working around the Greyhound Education Circuit (**GEC**). Your safety is our priority, and by following these guidelines, we can prevent accidents and maintain a safe environment.

### 1. Understand the GEC

The GEC is a mechanical device where a swing arm travels in a circle from a central pivot point, pushed by a person. Always remain aware of its movement. No unauthorised persons are to enter the GEC.

## 2. Before use

- You must complete the required training for using the GEC before use.
- You are required to book in advance for use, using the online system.
- For safety, access the GEC from the kennel end car park near the trainers' car park. Do not enter from the slipping track entrance to avoid interruption of the slipping track.
- Trainers/handlers must bring and use their own GRSA-approved lure and remove after use.
- Read and observe the information and warning signs posted around the GEC.
- Do not interfere or modify any parts of the GEC unless directed by an official.
- Only use designated gates or entry/exit points to move between areas.

## 3. Use Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

For your safety:

- Always wear bright or vibrant clothing/vests when near the GEC.
- Only wear closed footwear to protect your feet from hazards.
- The area is under constant video camera surveillance, so please follow all protocols for your safety and to ensure compliance.

#### 4. Stay Clear of Moving Parts

- There must always be two (2) persons to operate the GEC: one for the starter box (or to hand slip) and one to operate the swing arm.
- Never sit or stand in the path of the swing arm.
- (If in use) never stand directly in front of the starting box to avoid the opening lid.

#### 5. Communication is Key

If you see any potential hazard while the swing arm is in motion, immediately shout:

# STOP LURE!

This will alert the swing arm operator to stop the lure to prevent any incidents.

#### 6. Be Aware of Your Surroundings

Stay vigilant and avoid distractions like mobile phones or unnecessary conversations that may divert your attention from the swing arm or the starting box. Keeping alert helps ensure both your safety and the safety of those around you.

By following these guidelines, respecting the rules around the GEC, and being mindful of your surroundings, we can maintain a safe and efficient environment. Your safety is our top priority, so please take these guidelines seriously. Let's work together to stay safe and productive!