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Toe Stoppers Report

To Whom It May Concern:

I have been a professional trainer for 30 years and have trained in countries Australia, Macau and China.

Safety is paramount in our industry as it has proven to be a very dangerous occupation and there have been many deaths and injuries including a young apprentice Damien Murphy on the 28th January 2007. There should be no substitute for Workplace Health & Safety.

Recently I tried the safety product Toe Stoppers and have made them compulsory and believe all saddles should be equipped with this safety device at track work and also on race days.

Recently on SKY racing the panel raised the issue that jockeys needed a weight allowance to use Toe Stoppers in races. I fully support the panels comments that jockeys should receive a weight allowance as they do with the vests and helmets.

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Yours faithfully,

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PS I sincerely hope that commonsense prevails regarding peoples Health & Safety and racing officials should reconsider their thinking on this serious matter.