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**Kentucky Horse Racing Commission Announces Safety Steward  
*New hire has experience all around the track***

**Frankfort, Ky. (Sept. 5, 2023)** – Today, the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission (KHRC) named Beth Bungert to the role of safety steward.

In June, the lead safety position was established to ensure compliance of both Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) and KHRC standards and rules at licensed thoroughbred racetracks and training centers. As safety steward, Bungert will monitor regulatory and safety compliance and ensure that information is being shared with all parties.

Bungert comes to the KHRC with experience in the barns, on the track and in regulatory and administrative positions. In her 20-year career in racing, she has worked as a groom, exercise rider, veterinary assistant, assistant trainer, racing official and program director at several Kentucky racetracks.

“Safety is the responsibility of everyone involved in racing. Centralized communication between officials, racing participants and track management is a key aspect of both safety and compliance. We’re excited to have Beth join us, because she is someone who understands daily operations and can identify potential improvements in safety protocol. And, importantly, she is a long-time horsewoman who cares about the safety of the sport.” said Jamie Eads, executive director of the KHRC.

“This position is the culmination of a career on the racetrack. I have been involved in almost every aspect of racing and look forward to bringing those experiences together for the safety of both horse and rider,” said Bungert.

The safety steward will make recommendations to racetrack management and regulators for the welfare of horses and riders, integrity of racing and compliance with horse racing laws and regulations.

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