

## Liability for Bodily Injury and Property Damage

### GENERAL INFORMATION & REQUEST FORM

Depending on the circumstances, Sections may be liable for damages resulting from bodily injury or property damage in connection with Section activities. Fortunately, AWS and similar societies have a very good, almost accident-free record. However, in today's climate of injured parties being prone to sue, it is prudent to take steps to minimize exposure to such suits, while at the same time not curtailing activities. AWS provides, at no cost of the Sections, public liability insurance covering their Section's activities for bodily injury or property damage to cover just such occurrences in the unlikely event that they happen.

**Special events**, which may increase normal exposure, such as exhibits, large picnics, athletic events, welding contests, etc., sometimes are beyond the scope of the policy. These events must be reported in advance to AWS Membership Services, using the attached form, in order for our insurance administrator to determine if existing coverage is provided and if it is adequate. Also, for activities such as an exhibit in a shopping mall or plant facility, proof of "Certificate of Insurance" may be required by the owner or leaser of the facility. When a Certificate is required, Sections will be charged a minimal processing fee.

Even though there is insurance coverage, Section Officers should assume responsibility to minimize chances of accident and exposure to liability. Some suggestions are:

- (1) Have alcoholic beverages dispensed by and under control of a restaurant, caterer or some other independent service contractor. Reputable and responsible business entities also carry general liability and liquor liability insurance.**
- (2) When services are provided by a restaurant, caterer or independent contractor, obtain a certificate of insurance identifying the insurance carrier and the amount and type of liability insurance. These certificates are issued by all insurance carriers upon request by the insured restaurant, caterer or independent contractor(s). Have them name the Section and AWS as additional insureds on the certificate.**
- (3) Limit social periods before meeting to 30-45 minutes. Stop serving complimentary alcoholic beverages at the end of the social period.**
- (4) Arrange transportation for anyone who looks to be in no condition to drive.**
- (5) Look for, and eliminate, any hazardous conditions which might cause injury.**

Neither persons nor companies are recommended to be used as sponsors for hospitality periods or activities involving alcoholic beverages. In the event of an accident, they could become involved in a lawsuit. Instead, it is suggested that contributors be identified as patrons of the Section and be so publicized, with their monies going to the Section's general account.

- **Proof of Insurance Request Form on 2<sup>nd</sup> form**

Send completed request form to:  
[Section Request Form](#)

## HIGH RISK EVENT PROOF OF INSURANCE REQUEST

**CERTIFICATE HOLDER: American Welding Society – 8669 NW 36 ST, Suite 130, Miami, FL 33166**

AWS Section Insured: \_\_\_\_\_

Description of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Date, Time & Duration of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected attendance: \_\_\_\_\_ Age range: \_\_\_\_\_

Any special activities being planned, e.g., boat rides, athletic events, fireworks display, mechanically operated amusements devices or watercrafts, musical concert, aircraft (including hot air balloons), etc. \_\_\_\_\_

Liquor sold? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No Provided by Section? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Provided by independent service contractor? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Food sold? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No Provided by Section? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Provided by independent service contractor? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Race event? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No Run or Walk? \_\_\_\_\_ Length of course? \_\_\_\_\_

Periodic checkpoints? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No Water provided? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Availability of emergency medical equipment & personnel? \_\_\_\_\_

Roads blocked off by proper authorities? \_\_\_\_\_

Athletic waivers being signed? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

Do they indicate fitness of participants? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

\* Request submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Section Office Held

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Cost: \$50 per event.**

**\$100 additional fee is required if co-insured is required.**

- **Certificate will be sent to the AWS Section Officer making the request. Allow four weeks for processing.**