

## Location Filming Guide

*With thanks to Film London for requesting this linked document and providing the opening lines from theirs as a template. Where the "Film Contact" is referred to here, this is a specific role description within the filming agency department in London. Producers and Stunt Coordinators must identify the town/regional representative fulfilling the equivalent role for the same purposes in whatever area of the UK they are filming.*

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In accordance with statutory Health and Safety obligations, the Production must provide a risk assessment. The Production shall notify the relevant Film Contact or relevant third party whenever stunts are to be prepared or filmed on location and shall consult the Police and Emergency Services in advance. A full method statement and risk assessment is required by the Film Contact. The Production shall inform local residents and businesses of such filming, in consultation with the Film Contact. The production shall ensure their insurance is adequate and fully covers all activities of the stunt department – proof may be requested. All stunts shall be under the direct supervision of a recognised British Stunt Register (BSR) Action Coordinator or a person of similar experience.\* Safety is of foremost importance and good communication is vital. Stunt professionals from overseas working with British teams should be well practised in the filming conventions and language of the British film and television industry or it may be necessary to use a British-trained stunt coordinator/team to ensure the safest performance and most effective results. No member of production crew or acting cast should dictate who is cast in a stunt role especially when the stunt coordinator has doubts about their suitability and competence for the performance. If the stunt coordinator has such qualms and is under duress to proceed on location regardless, they should report their concerns to the Film Contact immediately: safety is paramount for all cast and crew and the general public.

\*A person of similar experience to a British Stunt Register Coordinator may be deemed so by the production company if they are satisfied that the person can fulfil the following criteria:

- Was a graded and paid up *Full Member* of the former JISC, at its dissolution in 2017†  
(The BSR office may be able to help if confirmation is required).

#### **AND**

- Has undertaken Health & Safety training as befits their supervisory and creative role. Training has been undertaken or been refreshed no longer than 5 years prior and the person has worked regularly supervising stunt action.

#### **OR, can prove all of the following:**

- Has undertaken Health & Safety training as befits their supervisory and creative role. Training has been undertaken or been refreshed no longer than 5 years prior and the person has worked regularly supervising stunt action.
- Must be familiar with UK Health & Safety regulations.
- Their abilities are graded or recognised by a body with a structure, code, rules and a process that can be verified.
- Has proven experience in performing and coordinating comparable stunts as will be filmed on the day. In the event that it has never been done before, the stunt coordinator should consult with or employ an expert with relative knowledge.
- Has demonstrated thorough risk assessment skills and effective application of control measures on other productions.
- The person can demonstrate an understanding of the differing degrees of applicable skills that will be required of their stunt team.

† JISC: The former *Joint Industry Stunt Committee* of which members were graded by JIGS (the Joint Industry Grading Scheme). The core of the British Stunt Register grading scheme is based on the former JISC example. Within the BSR that model has been updated and incorporates Health & Safety training as a mandatory condition of BSR membership.

#### **Links:**

Confirm British Stunt Register Membership Status: <http://www.thebritishstuntregister.com/bsr-members-list/>

Understand the Stunt Grade Scheme: <http://www.thebritishstuntregister.com/memberships/>

BSR Website: <http://www.thebritishstuntregister.com/> BSR Office: 01753 652 821, [info@thebritishstuntregister.com](mailto:info@thebritishstuntregister.com)

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