

Conditions for conduct of sales in execution

- 4.1 No person other than the sheriff or employees of the sheriff, and persons permitted by the sheriff to attend and participate in the sale in execution, shall be permitted to be present at an auction.
- 4.2 The number of people at a sale in execution must not, at any time before or during the auction proceedings, exceed 50.
- 4.3 All auctions must be held outdoors in a space that can accommodate 50 persons and where a distance of 1, 5 metres between all persons can be maintained.
- 4.4 In the event that an auction cannot be held outdoors due to inclement weather, or the nature of goods to be sold, then the auction may be held indoors in a well-ventilated space that can accommodate 50 persons and where a distance of 1, 5 metres between all persons can be maintained at all times.
- 4.5 A sheriff who conducts a sale in execution must:
 - (a) display clearly visible signage at the venue to inform attendees of the risks associated with COVID-19 and the compulsory measures required to mitigate such risks;
 - (b) ensure that the prescribed safety measures are put in place and are observed by attendees;
 - (c) ensure that there are no more than 50 people present in the venue at all times material to the conduct of the auction sale;
 - (d) screen all attendees and workers before every auction and refer any attendee or worker that shows any symptoms of COVID-19, for testing by the relevant authorities;
 - (e) deny entry to an auction to any attendee or worker who shows any symptoms of COVID-19;
 - (f) keep a register of all attendees, including staff, which register shall include the identity number, physical address and telephone number of every person who enters the venue;
 - (g) ensure that physical distancing of 1,5 metres between persons at the venue is strictly applied;
 - (h) ensure that goods offered for sale are sanitised;
 - (i) ensure that attendees sanitise their hands before and after examining goods for sale, in instances where this is absolutely necessary;
 - (j) ensure compliance with health protocols by:
 - (i) providing hand sanitizers which must be strategically placed at all necessary places outside and within the venue;
 - (ii) ensuring that all attendees and workers sanitize their hands at the entrance to the venue;
 - (iii) ensuring that physical distancing of 1,5 metres between all persons at an auction is maintained for the entire duration of the auction;
 - (iv) ensuring that all workers and attendees wear a cloth face mask, homemade item, or another appropriate item that covers the nose and mouth; and

- (v) ensuring that the venue of the auction is cleaned with the appropriate cleaning material before and after an auction, and during an auction if it is necessary to do so.

4.6 Any person who refuses or fails to comply with these directions must be refused entry to the venue of the auction, or removed from the venue of the auction.

Commencement

5. These Directions come into effect on the date of publication in the Government Gazette.