

Overview

This standard is about being able to harness up and unharness horses for use, under supervision. It includes being able to identify parts of the harness and assist with putting it on the horse as well as taking it off.

The work described in this standard would be carried out under the direction of a supervisor. This could be direct supervision or it could be through providing instructions and monitoring work.

You will need to be fully aware of the importance of health, safety and animal welfare in connection with this activity.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. wear appropriate clothing and personal protective equipment for the activity, according to instructions
2. approach the horse in accordance with instructions and in a manner that minimises stress to the horse and risk to yourself and others
3. put on a head collar and tie up the horse using a quick release knot, in accordance with instructions
4. maintain control of the horse while working
5. select the correct harness for the intended horse, in accordance with instructions
6. put the harness on the horse, under supervision
7. unharness the horse after use, under supervision
8. tidy the area after work
9. clean and store the harness after use, in accordance with instructions
10. dispose of waste materials safely and correctly
11. be aware of the health and safety of yourself and others, and the welfare of the horse, during the activity

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. the use and care of personal protective equipment
2. your role and responsibilities in harnessing up and unharnessing horses
3. the parts of the harness
4. how to approach horses in an appropriate manner to minimise stress and risk to yourself and others
5. how to harness up and unharness horses
6. how to put on a head collar and tie up horses using a quick release knot
7. how to maintain control of the horse while working
8. the importance of selecting the correct harness for the intended horse, in accordance with instructions
9. the importance of placing the harness in an appropriate position while harnessing up and unharnessing the horse
10. the importance of cleaning and storing the harness after use
11. how to tidy the area after work
12. the correct methods for disposal of waste
13. your responsibilities for health, safety and animal welfare.

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