

Put-to and take out harness horses using single horse drawn vehicles,
under supervision

Overview

This standard is about being able to put-to and take out harness horses using single horse-drawn vehicles, under supervision.

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. position the single horse-drawn vehicle for putting-to, under supervision
3. approach the horse in accordance with instructions and in a manner that minimizes stress to the horse and risk to yourself and others
4. maintain control of the horse throughout the process
5. lead the horse to the vehicle, under supervision
6. attach the horse's harness to the vehicle, under supervision
7. assist with balancing two-wheeled vehicles
8. take out the horse by detaching the harness and pushing the vehicle back from the horse after use
9. be aware of the health and safety of yourself and others, and the welfare of the horse during the activity

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. the use and care of personal protective equipment
2. your role and responsibilities with putting-to/taking out harness horses using single horse-drawn vehicles
3. how to position the horse-drawn vehicle for putting-to
4. how to approach horses in an appropriate manner to minimize stress and risk to yourself and others
5. how to attach the harness to the vehicle when putting-to and detaching the harness when taking out
6. how to use the appropriate equipment for a single horse-drawn vehicle
7. how to balance a two-wheeled horse-drawn vehicle
8. the importance of never removing the bridle while the horse is still between the shafts
9. how to maintain control of the horse while working
10. your responsibilities for health, safety and animal welfare

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- Scope/range related to knowledge and understanding** The function of the following items of equipment:
- bellyband
 - breeching straps, breeching 'D's, and breeching traces
 - tugs and tug stops
 - shafts
 - swingletree

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