

Overview

This standard is about the cleaning, preparation and maintenance of stables for horses. You will also be required to maintain stable conditions that are suitable for the horse, including ventilation and light. This work is carried out to ensure that the stabling provides safe and suitable accommodation for horses.

You will need to work with a variety of horses and different types of bedding suitable for the horses.

The work described in this standard would be carried out following agreement with a supervisor about the responsibilities and methods of work.

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

You will need to be able to recognise hazards in the workplace.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. select and wear appropriate clothing and personal protective equipment for the activity, according to instructions
2. clean and prepare the stables according to instructions
3. check and maintain the stable environment and conditions to ensure the safety and welfare of the horse
4. provide suitable bedding for the horses being stabled
5. check that water and food is available and deal with any problems within your level of responsibility
6. introduce horses to the stable safely and securely according to instructions
7. dispose of waste safely and correctly
8. return equipment to the designated area
9. seek clarification when instructions are not clear
10. maintain the health and safety of yourself and others, and the welfare of the horse, during the activity
11. communicate with others and maintain affective team work

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. the selection, use and care of personal protective equipment
2. the types of stabling and stable fittings suitable for the horses with which you are working
3. the potential hazards that may occur in stabling and how these can be minimised
4. the cleaning routines appropriate to the type of horse and stabling concerned
5. suitable methods of introducing horses to the stable
6. how to recognise and deal with stress in horses within your level of responsibility, when cleaning out stables
7. the conditions that promote the health and wellbeing of stabled horses
8. the types of bedding available and their advantages and disadvantages
9. the importance of providing water and food and how this should be done
10. how to dispose of waste safely and correctly
11. the importance of hygiene and bio-security when cleaning, preparing and maintaining stables for horses
12. your responsibilities under relevant animal health and welfare and health and safety legislation and codes of practice.

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Scope/range related to performance criteria Provide two of the following types of bedding:

- straw
- shavings
- paper
- rubber matting
- other alternative

Check and maintain the following stable environments and conditions:

- ventilation
- light
- suitability for the individual horse

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