

Overview

This standard involves preparing and caring for horse harness. It involves being able to identify the parts, assemble and clean sets of harness for use. The standard covers carrying out routine checks for wear, tear or damage on the harness, removing any such items from use and replacing as instructed.

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.

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. select and wear appropriate clothing and personal protective equipment for the activity, according to instructions
2. prepare and assemble sets of horse harness from component parts
3. clean and care for sets of horse harness to a standard appropriate for the intended use
4. check harness for signs of wear, tear or damage before and after use
5. report any areas of concern to the appropriate person
6. replace unfit items of harness as instructed
7. clean and store the harness after use
8. use cleaning materials according to instructions
9. dispose of waste correctly
10. maintain the 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 selection, use and care of personal protective equipment
2. the function and usage of each component part of a set of horse harness
3. your responsibilities in relation to checking harness for wear, tear or damage before and after use, reporting on the fitness of the harness for use, and replacing any unfit items as instructed
4. how to recognise signs of wear, tear or damage to the harness
5. the dangers of using worn, torn or damaged items of harness
6. methods of cleaning the harness to the required standard for the intended use
7. how to care for harness after use, including the care of wet harness
8. methods of storing harness between uses
9. the correct methods for disposal of waste
10. the risks to horses, yourself and others and how these can be minimised
11. your responsibilities under relevant animal health and welfare and health and safety legislation and codes of practice,

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