
Overview

This standard is about managing the preparation and care of horse harness for use. It involves ensuring that the harness is cleaned to the appropriate standard for the intended use, carrying out routine checks for wear, tear or damage and replacing unfit items prior to use.

It includes supervising the work of others, and knowing how to have harness repaired as necessary. It includes being able to assemble a harness into sets from component parts for a range of uses and pack harness for transport.

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 and assess risks 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
2. select the harness that is appropriate for a range of intended uses, and assemble sets of harness from component parts
3. carry out routine checks for wear, tear or damage, and replace unfit items
4. manage the preparation and care of horse harness by ensuring that it is cleaned and prepared to the standard appropriate for the intended use
5. pack harness for transporting to events
6. ensure the harness is cleaned, maintained and stored correctly after use
7. ensure waste is disposed of safely and correctly
8. monitor and maintain 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 selection, use and care of personal protective equipment
2. your role and responsibilities in managing the preparation and care of horse harness for use
3. how to select and assemble harness for a range of uses from component parts
4. how to assess harness for wear, tear or damage
5. the procedure for replacing unfit items
6. the standards of cleanliness and preparation required for a range of uses
7. how to prepare harness for transport to events
8. the methods of cleaning, maintaining and storing harness after use
9. how different types of waste should be disposed of
10. the risks to horses, yourself and others and how these are controlled
11. your responsibilities under relevant animal health and welfare and health and safety legislation and codes of practice.

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