

## Overview

This standard is about being able to assess horse-drawn vehicles for their suitability for commercial use. It includes being able to identify a range of vehicles and their correct uses, as well as identifying the parts and the function of the parts.

You will be able to evaluate the operating parameters of horse-drawn vehicles, and to ascertain their weight, drag, turning lock, point of balance and centre of gravity.

It includes being able to carry out a full inspection of commercial horse-drawn vehicles operating on the public highway.

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 connection with this activity.

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### Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. identify horse-drawn vehicles for a range of uses
2. carry out tests to determine the operating parameters of individual vehicles
3. use appropriate testing methods to ascertain the weight, drag, turning lock, point of balance and centre of gravity of the vehicle
4. carry out a detailed examination of all parts of the vehicle for wear, tear or damage
5. assess the suitability of the vehicle for the intended commercial use
6. ensure that routine maintenance is carried out on horse-drawn vehicles, prior to use
7. withdraw unsuitable vehicles from use for professional repair or maintenance
8. complete the required documentation to meet the relevant codes of practice and legislation
9. assess the hazards and control the risks to horses, yourself and others in connection with this activity

## Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. your role and responsibilities in assessing horse-drawn vehicles for commercial use
2. how to devise tests to assess the operating parameters of horse-drawn vehicles
3. how to ascertain the weight, drag, turning lock, point of balance and centre of gravity of individual horse-drawn vehicles
4. how to evaluate the suitability of individual horse-drawn vehicles for specific commercial uses
5. how to recognise signs of wear, tear or damage
6. the requirements for routine maintenance
7. when professional repair or maintenance is required and how to obtain this
8. how to select vehicles that are suitable for the intended use
9. how to select horses that are suitable for use with the intended vehicle
10. the importance of ensuring that documentation is completed in accordance with relevant codes of practice and legislation
11. the risks to horses, yourself and others and how these are controlled
12. your responsibilities under relevant animal health and welfare and health and safety legislation and codes of practice.

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