

Assess horse harness for suitability for commercial use

Overview

This standard is about being able to assess horse harness for its suitability for commercial use. It involves being able to identify the most suitable harness for a range of specific uses, and check all parts of the harness for wear, tear or damage.

It includes being able to assemble a range of types of harness from component parts, and fit the harness to horses following assembly.

You will understand the correct uses of various types of harness and their optimum operating capacities.

To include:

- single harness
- pair harness
- team harness
- tandem harness
- unicorn harness
- specialist harness
- agricultural and land-based harness.

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 ensure the safety of yourself and others, and the welfare of the horses, at all times

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. ensure that the appropriate clothing and personal protective equipment is worn for the activity
2. select a horse harness that is appropriate for the intended commercial use
3. examine and assess the harness for its suitability for commercial use
4. assemble sets of harness from component parts for a range of uses
5. fit the harness to horses
6. ensure that the appropriate records are maintained and stored as required by relevant legislation and the organisation you work for
7. assess hazards and control risks to horses, yourself and others in connection with this activity

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. the clothing and personal protective equipment that should be worn for the activity
2. your role and responsibilities in assessing the horse harness for its suitability for commercial use
3. how to identify and select a harness for a range of commercial uses
4. how to assess harness for its suitability for commercial use
5. how to assemble harness into sets for a range of commercial uses
6. how to fit the harness to individual horses
7. the operating capacities of a range of types and styles of harness
8. the importance of establishing and maintaining records
9. the risks to horses, yourself and others and how these are controlled
10. your responsibilities under relevant animal health and welfare and health and safety legislation and codes of practice.

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