

Overview

This standard is about being able to provide commercial harness horse services for a range of activities including horse-drawn weddings or funerals, carrying passengers, and exhibitions.

It includes being able to drive horses for the purposes of providing commercial services, manage the legal aspects of providing horse-drawn commercial services, negotiate the terms and conditions of providing services, and plan the provision of services with regard to customer requirements.

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

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. identify legislation and codes of practice relating to the provision of harness horse services
2. provide commercial harness horse services with due regard to relevant legislation, codes of practice and terms and conditions of contracts
3. agree the terms and conditions for providing commercial harness horse services with clients
4. negotiate the terms and conditions of contracts, and the methods and manner of supply with clients
5. ensure that staff are aware of their responsibilities in relation to providing harness horse services legally and in accordance with codes of practice
6. select and prepare suitable horses, harness and vehicles for the intended use
7. plan routes with regard to customer requirements, safety and horse welfare
8. ensure that horses are trained for the intended purpose
9. drive horses for the purposes of providing commercial harness horse services
10. ensure that appropriate records are maintained and stored as required by relevant legislation and the organisation you work for
11. carry out risk assessments on routes and venues
12. 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. your role and responsibilities in managing the legal aspects of providing commercial harness horse services
2. the roles, responsibilities and duties of care of staff when providing commercial harness horse services.
3. how to provide harness horse services in compliance with relevant legislation and codes of practice
4. the elements that constitute a binding contract to supply harness horse services
5. how to negotiate the terms and conditions of supplying harness horse services with clients
6. how to ensure that the manner of supplying harness horse services complies with relevant legislation and codes of practice
7. what is meant by breach of contract
8. your duty of care to clients, spectators, participants, and non-involved members of the public
9. how to ensure staff are aware of their responsibilities with regard to relevant legislation, codes of practice and the terms and conditions of contracts
10. how to ensure staff are aware of their responsibilities in promoting and maintaining safety and the welfare of the horses
11. how to select and prepare suitable horses, harness and vehicles for the intended use
12. how to ensure horses are trained for the intended purpose and why this is important
13. the importance of establishing and maintaining records
14. the risks to horses, yourself and others and how these are controlled
15. your responsibilities under relevant animal health and welfare and health and safety legislation and codes of practice.

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