

## Select and move animals to a new location

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### Overview

This standard covers the selection and movement of animals to a new location.

The animals should be moved in a manner that is appropriate, reduces stress and is safe. You will also need to check that the location where the animals are being moved to is safe, secure and suitable.

When working with livestock or machinery you should be trained and hold current certification, where required.

When carrying out your work you must consider the impact it will have on the environment.

This standard is suitable for those who select and move animals to a new location.

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### Performance criteria

*You must be able to:*

1. assess the risks associated with the activity to be carried out
2. wear suitable clothing and personal protective equipment (PPE)
3. check that the new location meets the safety, security and suitability requirements of the animal(s) being moved
4. identify suitable methods for handling and moving the animal(s) that minimise stress and injury and maintain health and welfare
5. select, prepare, use, maintain and store the required tools and equipment safely and correctly
6. select the animal(s) to be moved and approach them in a calm and confident manner which will reduce stress and alarm
7. modify methods of handling in response to the actions of the animal(s)
8. move the animal(s) while maintaining the safety of yourself and other people or animals in the vicinity
9. recognise when it is not safe to move animal(s) single-handedly and summon help
10. maintain communication with colleagues and others involved in, or affected by, your work
11. establish the animal(s) in the new location
12. maintain hygiene and bio-security in accordance with business practices
13. carry out your work in accordance with relevant environmental, health and safety legislation, animal health and welfare legislation, risk assessment requirements, codes of practice and business policies
14. complete records as required by relevant legislation and the business

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### Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

1. the risks inherent in moving animals and how they can be minimised
2. the type of clothing and personal protective equipment (PPE) suitable for the activity
3. the reason the animal(s) need to be moved from one location to another
4. the health status of the animal(s) prior to being moved and how this may affect the movement
5. how to assess the safety, security and suitability of the new location
6. the different methods of handling and moving animal(s) and how to select the most suitable method(s) for the animal(s) being moved
7. the types of tools and equipment required for moving animals and how to prepare, use, maintain and store these safely and correctly
8. how to identify the animal(s) that need to be moved
9. how to approach the animal(s) in a quiet, calm and confident manner that minimises stress
10. how to recognise normal and abnormal behaviour in the animal(s) being handled and moved
11. the contingency plans that should be in place when handling and moving of animal(s)
12. how to establish the animal(s) in their new location once they have been moved
13. the importance of maintaining hygiene and bio-security and the methods for achieving this
14. the importance of maintaining communication with those involved in, or affected by, your work and how this should be done
15. the reasons for summoning help in situations where it is difficult to control and move the animal(s) single-handedly, and the possible consequences of not summoning help
16. your responsibilities for the welfare of livestock under relevant animal health and welfare legislation, codes of practice and business policies
17. your responsibilities under the relevant environmental and health and safety legislation, codes of practice and business policies
18. the records that need to be kept and the importance of completing

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**Links to other NOS**    The transportation of animals is covered in CS64, CS65 and CS66

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