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Monitor and maintain health and safety when working with horses



Overview

This standard covers monitoring and maintaining health and safety when working with horses. You are required to take reasonable care of the health and safety of yourself and others who may be affected by your work. You are also required to co-operate with others to help them comply with their duties under health and safety legislation, and not interfere with or misuse anything provided for your health, safety and welfare. This may include observing particular instructions and procedures or checking items of equipment.

It requires using and taking care of personal protective equipment and clothing and maintaining good personal and workplace hygiene. It also means working in a way that does not have an adverse effect on your health, or puts yourself or anyone else in danger. You need to be particularly aware of the dangers of working with horses. You should also consider the effect of your actions on the environment and minimise environmental damage.

You must know how to deal with health and safety emergencies and your own capabilities with regard to this. You should also know how to complete any necessary records.

This standard is for anyone who works with horses.

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Performance criteria

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You must be able to:

- P1 identify and address health and safety risks in relation to the work area and the work being carried out
- P2 identify and address the specific risks when approaching, handling and working with horses
- P3 carry out specified measures to control risks and keep the appropriate people fully informed if such measures are inadequate
- P4 seek guidance on measures to control unfamiliar risks arising from non-routine work situations
- P5 give health and safety information to others in a manner likely to be understood
- P6 use equipment and materials in accordance with manufacturer's instructions and any training undertaken
- P7 behave in a way that minimises risks to yourself and others
- P8 take the appropriate action without delay as soon as an emergency is suspected
- P9 dispose of waste materials safely and correctly
- P10 transport any equipment and materials safely and store them correctly at an approved location when not in use
- P11 maintain the security of the work area in accordance with organisational requirements
- P12 keep accurate and up-to-date records as required

Maintain good standards of health and safety for yourself and others

You must be able to:

- P13 use and care for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and clothing that has been assessed as necessary for the work
- P14 use approved methods and handling equipment when moving and lifting items
- P15 maintain the necessary personal and workplace hygiene at all times
- P16 work in a way that minimises risks to your own safety and health and that of others
- P17 perform your work in a manner that minimises environmental damage
- P18 take appropriate action where incidents affect the health and safety of yourself and others
- P19 report incidents without delay and fill out records accurately and completely.

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

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- K1 your role in maintaining your own health and safety
- K2 types of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and clothing needed for your work and how they must be used, cleaned, stored, inspected and replaced
- K3 the risks when approaching, handling and working with horses
- K4 safe use of equipment and machinery
- K5 safe methods for moving and lifting items
- K6 the reasons for maintaining good personal and workplace hygiene relevant to your industry
- K7 the risks of working in isolation or in remote locations and the need for safe systems of work
- K8 the risks of personal injury or health problems associated with your work and how these can be minimised
- K9 the effects of adopting safe working practices on long-term personal health and career
- K10 your own ability to deal with health and safety emergencies (e.g. not carrying out actions beyond your own capabilities) and the reasons for this
- K11 basic emergency first aid procedures
- K12 methods for minimising environmental damage during work
- K13 why accidents should be reported without delay and recorded in the appropriate document
- K14 how to deal with accidents that cause personal injury
- K15 factors that might affect fitness to work including injuries and health conditions.

Monitor and maintain health, safety and security of the work area

You need to know and understand:

- K16 your role and responsibilities for health and safety in the work area under relevant legislation and organisational policy
- K17 the main risks to health and safety in your work area (including dust, confined spaces and manual handling)
- K18 why inadequate measures to control risks should be reported and that corrective action needs to be taken
- K19 the importance of following manufacturer's data sheets and organisational instructions on the use of chemicals and the potential consequences and risks of not doing so
- K20 procedures for different types of emergencies relevant to your work
- K21 how the procedures to take for specific emergencies may be affected by your location
- K22 different types of fire extinguishers and their use, relevant to the area you work in

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- K23 the different forms of waste and correct methods of disposal
- K24 how to transport and store equipment and materials safely, including gas where applicable
- K25 organisational requirements with regard to ensuring the security of the workplace
- K26 the relationship between security and safety within the workplace
- K27 how and why accidents should be reported
- K28 your role and responsibilities for promoting good hygiene and bio-security in the work area and how this can be achieved
- K29 how disease can be transferred to other animals or humans.

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