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## Overview

This standard is about the routine preparation and cleaning of stables for horses. You will also be required to maintain stable conditions that are suitable for the horse, including ventilation and light. This work is carried out to ensure that the stabling provides safe and suitable accommodation for horses.

You will need to work with a variety of horses and different types of bedding suitable for the horses.

The work described in this standard would be carried out following agreement of responsibilities with a supervisor.

You will need to be fully aware of the importance of health, safety and animal welfare in connection with this work.

**Performance  
criteria**

- You must be able to:*
- P1 Wear appropriate personal protective equipment during cleaning
  - P2 Clean the stables according to instructions
  - P3 Check the stable environment and conditions to ensure the safety and welfare of the horse
  - P4 Provide suitable bedding for the horses being stabled
  - P5 Check that water and food is available
  - P6 Introduce horses to the stable safely and securely
  - P7 Dispose of waste safely and correctly
  - P8 Maintain the health and safety of horses, self and others during the work

## Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

- K1 Types of stabling and stable fittings suitable for the horses with which you are working
- K2 The potential hazards which may occur in stabling and how these can be minimised
- K3 The appropriate personal protective equipment required for this work
- K4 The cleaning routines appropriate to the type of horse and stabling concerned
- K5 Suitable methods of introducing horses to the stabling
- K6 How to recognise stress in horses when cleaning out stables
- K7 The conditions which promote the health and well-being of stabled horses such as ventilation, light and fittings
- K8 The types of bedding available (straw, shavings, paper, rubber matting etc.) and their uses
- K9 The importance of providing water and food and how this should be done
- K10 Your responsibilities under relevant animal health and welfare and health and safety legislation/codes of practice
- K11 How to dispose of waste safely and correctly.

**Additional Information** (Delete any sections not needed)

**Scope/range**

Scope/range  
related to  
performance  
criteria

Scope/range  
related to  
knowledge and  
understanding

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**Behaviours**

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**Glossary**

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