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## Overview

This standard involves being able to support the driver of a horse drawn vehicle whilst driving. It covers acting as an assistant to the driver during the drive, monitoring and reporting on the activities of traffic and other road users to the driver and taking appropriate action as instructed, and assisting with negotiating road junctions and maintaining control of the horse(s) when halted.

You will be able to adjust harness when appropriate. It involves being able to mount and dismount from the horse drawn vehicle whilst it is moving, and running ahead of the horse(s). You will be able to work with others as part of the driving crew.

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 animal health and welfare and health and safety in connection with this work.

You will need to be able to recognise hazards and assess risks within the workplace.

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### Performance criteria

*You must be able to:*

- P1 Establish your role and responsibilities in relation to this activity
- P2 Assist with carrying out routine pre-drive safety checks
- P3 Assist the driver of the vehicle by monitoring and reporting on potential hazards which may affect the safe driving of the horses and vehicle
- P4 Monitor the reactions of horses to objects and situations and report to the driver
- P5 Mount and dismount the vehicle as appropriate during the drive
- P6 Assist with negotiating road junctions and obstacles
- P7 Carry out adjustments to the harness and vehicle whilst driving according to instructions
- P8 Assist with maintaining control of horses whilst halted
- P9 Check over and care for horses after use; report any areas of concern and take action to maintain the horse's welfare, as instructed
- P10 Check over the harness and vehicle; report any areas of wear, tear or damage, and take action as instructed
- P11 Maintain safety of self and others and the welfare of the horses at all times.

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### Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

- K1 Your role and responsibilities in relation to assisting the driver during the drive
- K2 The law and codes of practice relating to driving harness horses on and off the public highway
- K3 How to carry out routine pre-drive checks on horses, harnesses and vehicles
- K4 How to mount and dismount the vehicle safely whilst moving
- K5 How to assist with negotiating road junctions and moving out into traffic
- K6 How to assist with negotiating gateways and obstacles
- K7 The importance of being alert to the activities of other road users
- K8 The importance of being able to make intelligent judgments about the activities of other road users in relation to the horse drawn vehicle, and to communicate effectively with the driver
- K9 How to communicate effectively with other road users
- K10 The normal behaviour of horses whilst being driven, and how to assist with maintaining control of horses as instructed
- K11 How to maintain effective control of horses whilst stationary
- K12 How to recognise signs of stress or agitation in the harnessed horse whilst being driven and whilst stationary
- K13 The actions to take to minimise or eliminate stress in the harnessed horse whilst being driven and whilst stationary
- K14 How to maintain safety of self and others and the welfare of the horse.

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

#### **Scope/range**

#### **Driving activities may include:**

- Exercise and schooling
- Training and teaching
- Exhibition
- Show-ring driving
- On the public highway
- Off the public highway

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**Scope/range  
related to  
performance  
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**Scope/range  
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knowledge and  
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**Values** [VALUES]

**Behaviours** [BEHAVIOURS]

**Skills** [SKILLS]

**Glossary** [GLOSSARY]

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