
Overview

This standard covers leading a horse trek, following the trek route, monitoring clients, identifying and responding to any hazardous situations. This standard applies to all lengths of trek.

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

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

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 Follow the trek route within the agreed timescale
- P2 Monitor clients and conditions according to agreed procedures e.g. terrain, weather conditions, client health, client attitude, horse welfare
- P3 Identify hazardous situations and take appropriate remedial action within the limits of your authority
- P4 Provide information to clients at appropriate times and frequencies e.g. hazardous situations (both to the rider and the horse), points of local interest, progress of the trek
- P5 Adhere to agreed procedures in the event of an emergency
- P6 Comply with statutory road traffic requirements at all times
- P7 Discuss the trek with clients and deal with problems within limits of your authority
- P8 Monitor and maintain the health and safety of horses, self and others during the work.

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

- K1 Safe conditions for trekking
- K2 Use of maps, compass and GPS
- K3 How weather conditions affect different terrains
- K4 The reasons for continually checking trek members
- K5 The appropriate emergency procedures in the event of an accident/incident or illness, both to the horse and rider
- K6 When it is necessary to have assistants accompanying the trek
- K7 The road safety procedures
- K8 Implications of the Country Code for trek leaders
- K9 The types of hazards to horses and riders which may be present during trekking
- K10 How to recognise clients' distress
- K11 How to recognise problems with horses
- K12 The agreed procedures regarding dismounting
- K13 Customer relations and the importance of good communications before, during and after the trek
- K14 How to deal with problems and limits of authority
- K15 Care of horses after a trek
- K16 Why it is important to ensure that all incidents are reported
- K17 Risks to horses, yourself and others and how these can be minimised
- K18 Your responsibilities under relevant animal health and welfare and health and safety legislation/codes of practice.

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Additional Information (Delete any sections not needed)

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