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## Overview

This standard covers attending to the mare prior to, and during, foaling. It also covers the care of the mare and foal immediately after foaling. You will need to be able to prepare suitable facilities and equipment, care for the mare and foal throughout, respond to signs of imminent foaling and obtain professional advice and help when this is required.

You will need to be fully aware of the importance of health and safety in connection with this work and be able to recognise hazards and assess risks within the workplace.

## [Attend to the mare and foal during foaling]

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### Performance criteria

- You must be able to:*
- P1 Prepare suitable facilities and equipment for foaling a mare e.g. head collar, rugs, colostrum, first aid kit
  - P2 Care for the mare prior to foaling according to instructions
  - P3 Monitor the mare and respond to signs of imminent foaling
  - P4 Seek professional advice immediately if you suspect an abnormal or difficult foaling
  - P5 Take appropriate action when abnormal signs of health and behaviour are identified
  - P6 Sustain care of the mare and foal for the 24 hours following foaling
  - P7 Monitor and maintain the health and safety of horses, self and others during the work
  - P8 Manage and dispose of waste in accordance with legislative requirements and codes of practice.

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### Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

- K1 The types of facilities and equipment required
- K2 The requirements for foaling in the stable and the field
- K3 The signs of imminent foaling and the correct actions to take
- K4 The different stages of labour
- K5 Abnormal presentation and when to seek help
- K6 Abnormal signs of health and behaviour and the appropriate action to take including reporting the signs and seeking assistance
- K7 Reasons for checking placenta after foaling and problems concerning retention
- K8 The use of closed circuit television and mare alarms
- K9 The procedures immediately following parturition
- K10 Risks to horses, yourself and others and how these can be minimised
- K11 Your responsibilities under relevant animal health and welfare and health and safety legislation/codes of practice.

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

**Scope/range**

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**[Attend to the mare and foal during foaling]**

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Scope/range  
related to  
performance  
criteria

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## [Attend to the mare and foal during foaling]

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related to  
knowledge and  
understanding

**Values**

[VALUES]

**Behaviours**

[BEHAVIOURS]

**Skills**

[SKILLS]

**Glossary**

[GLOSSARY]

**Links to other NOS**

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**External Links**

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