

# LANEQ341

## Drive pairs of harness horses for exercise, fitness and schooling



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### Overview

This standard is about being able to drive pairs of harness horses for exercise to promote fitness and schooling. It covers being able to drive pairs of harness horses accurately and effectively in an enclosed area, on off-road tracks and cross-country as well as being able to drive safely on the public highway.

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.

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### Performance criteria

*You must be able to:*

- P1 Establish your role and responsibilities in relation to this activity
- P2 Select the harness and horse drawn vehicles appropriate for the horse and for the intended use
- P3 Carry out pre drive routine safety checks, harness up the horse and put-to the vehicle
- P4 Drive using the English Coaching Style of rein handling
- P5 Use the driving whip correctly and appropriately
- P6 Take appropriate action when driving in proximity to pedestrians, dogs, farm livestock, machinery and when encountering unusual objects, activities or noises
- P7 Drive up and down gradients correctly
- P8 Halt and move off smoothly from the halt
- P9 Make effective use of the Harness Horse Groom
- P10 Maintain control of the horses at all times
- P11 Drive pairs of harness horses in company with other horses
- P12 Maintain the safety of self and others and the welfare of the horses whilst driving
- P13 Minimise stress in the horses whilst driving
- P14 Maintain safety of self and others and the welfare of the horses whilst working.

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### Knowledge and understanding

*You need to know and understand:*

1. Your role and responsibilities in relation to this activity
2. How to select the harness and horse drawn vehicles appropriate for the horses and for the intended use
3. How to maintain the safety of self and others and the welfare of the horses whilst driving
4. How to recognise signs of stress and ill-health in the horse and how to eliminate or minimise these whilst driving
5. How to maintain control of the horses whilst harnessing up, putting-to/taking out, driving and when stationary
6. How to make effective use of the Harness Horse Groom
7. How to drive with consideration to and communicate effectively with other road users
8. How to carry out a sequence of driving movements in an enclosed area for the purposes of training, schooling or exercise
9. How to maintain control of the driving horses in a range of situations
10. How to recognise signs of wear, tear or damage to the harness or vehicle whilst driving, and what actions to take.

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