Assess horse harness for suitability for commercial use



Overview This standard is about being able to assess a harness for suitability for use and fit it to horses. It involves being able to identify the most suitable harness for a range of specific uses, and check all parts of the harness for wear, tear or damage.

It includes being able to assemble a range of types of harness from component parts, and fit the harness to horses following assembly.

You will understand the correct uses of various types of harness and their optimum operating capacities.

To include:

- Single harness
- Pair harness
- Team harness
- Tandem harness
- Unicorn harness
- Specialist harness
- Agricultural and land-based harness.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

- P1 Identify your role and responsibility with regard to this activity
- P2 Select a harness which is appropriate for the intended use
- P3 Assemble sets of harnesses from component parts for a range of uses
- P4 Examine the harness for suitability
- P5 Fit harness to horses
- P6 Maintain safety of self and others and the welfare of the horse whilst working.

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Knowledge and understanding

understand:

K1 Your role and responsibilities in assessing the harness for suitability for You need to know and use

- K2 How to identify and select a harness for a range of uses
- K3 How to assemble harnesses into sets for a range of uses
- K4 How to fit the harness to individual horses
- K5 The operating capacities of a range of types and styles of harness
- K6 How to maintain safety of self and others and the welfare of the horses whilst working.

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