

Put on and take off horse tack, under supervision

Overview

This standard is about putting on and taking off horse tack, under supervision.

The work described in this standard would be carried out under the direction of a supervisor. This could be direct supervision or it could be through providing instructions and monitoring work.

You will need to be fully aware of the importance of health, safety and animal welfare in connection with this activity.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. wear appropriate clothing and personal protective equipment for the activity, according to instructions
2. approach the horse according to instructions and in a manner that minimises stress to the horse and risk to yourself and others
3. put the tack on the horse correctly, under supervision
4. report any difficulties to the supervisor
5. take off the horse tack after use, under supervision, and store it in the required place, in accordance with instructions
6. be aware of the health and safety of yourself and others, and the welfare of the horse, during the activity

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. the use and care of personal protective equipment
2. how to approach horses in an appropriate manner to minimise stress and risk to yourself and others
3. how to put on and take off horse tack correctly
4. what happens if tack is fitted incorrectly
5. how to secure the horse if it needs to be left when tacked up
6. the parts of the bridle and the saddle
7. the purpose of exercise boots
8. the safety precautions to be taken while tacking up and untacking
9. the types of difficulties that may occur and the importance of reporting these to the supervisor
10. how and where to store tack
11. your responsibilities for health, safety and animal welfare.

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Scope/range

Put on and take off tack:

- simple snaffle
- bridle with cavesson noseband
- exercise boots
- saddle
- neck strap
- numnah

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