

Overview

This standard is about cleaning tack and horse clothing, under supervision. Cleaning could be daily and weekly and includes washing and brushing and care of leather and metal work.

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. clean tack and horse clothing by carrying out routine daily and weekly cleaning, under supervision
3. report faults and defects in the tack and horse clothing to the supervisor
4. be aware of the health and safety of yourself and others, and the welfare of the horse during the activity

Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. the use and care of personal protective equipment
2. the dangers of unsafe stitching or damaged tack
3. the reasons for daily and weekly cleaning of tack and horse clothing
4. how to carry out routine daily and weekly cleaning of tack and horse clothing
5. the problems vermin may cause when storing tack and horse clothing
6. how to store tack and horse clothing
7. your responsibilities for health, safety and animal welfare.

Glossary

Types of cleaning could include:

- washing
- oiling
- soaping
- brushing

Faults and defects: e.g.

- unsafe stitching
- loose, broken or rusted billets/studs/buckles
- missing keepers/runners
- worn, cracked or stretched leatherwork
- rips in material

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