

Overview

This standard is about leading and controlling horses for inspection, under supervision. This standard involves walking and trotting horses “in hand” for a routine health and soundness inspection.

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.

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 to be lead in accordance with instructions and in a manner that minimises stress to the horse and risk to yourself and others
3. maintain control of the horse using suitable equipment and techniques, under supervision
4. lead and control the horse for health and soundness inspection, under supervision
5. 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. how to approach horses in an appropriate manner to minimise stress and risk to yourself and others
3. why it is necessary to control horses
4. the methods of leading and controlling the horse and the precautions to be taken
5. the correct use of tack including head collar, bridle, chifney and lungeing cavesson
6. the types of inspection and healthcare procedures for horses
7. your responsibilities for health, safety and animal welfare.

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