

Clean and prepare horse harness for use, under supervision

Overview

This standard is about cleaning and preparing horse harness for use, under supervision. This applies to traditional English Leather harness and includes being able to wash and apply saddle soap, and to polish selected parts of the harness as instructed. It includes being able to identify basic parts of the harness and to store harness as directed.

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. prepare the work area and assemble required cleaning materials, under supervision
3. use cleaning materials in accordance with instructions
4. clean and prepare horse harness, under supervision
5. store harness as instructed
6. dispose of waste safely and correctly
7. 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. your role and responsibilities in cleaning and preparing harness
3. the basic parts of the harness
4. how to wash the harness and apply saddle soap
5. the importance of not over-wetting leather harness
6. the importance of drying harness correctly
7. how to use cleaning materials correctly and safely
8. how to use harness hooks and other equipment correctly
9. the correct methods for disposal of waste
10. your responsibilities for health, safety and animal welfare.

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