

Restrain horses using specified methods

Overview

This standard is about restraining horses using specified methods such as holding up a leg, using a head collar, bridle or other method. You could be restraining the horse for inspection or for routine tasks.

The work described in this standard would be carried out following agreement with a supervisor about the responsibilities and methods of work.

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

You will need to be able to recognise hazards in the workplace.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. select and wear appropriate clothing and personal protective equipment for the activity, according to instructions
2. approach the horse in accordance with instructions and in a manner that minimises stress to the horse, and risk to yourself and others
3. restrain horses using methods specified by the supervisor
4. maintain control of the horse throughout the process
5. release the horse from restraint when directed by the supervisor
6. seek clarification when instructions are not clear
7. communicate effectively with those working with the horse during restraint
8. maintain the 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 selection, 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. the reasons why horses need to be restrained
4. methods and equipment used for restraining horses, and when to use them
5. how to tell if the horse is becoming stressed during restraint and the action to be taken
6. when to seek assistance while restraining a horse
7. the importance of communicating with the person working with the horse while it is being restrained
8. risks to horses, yourself and others and how these risks can be minimised
9. your responsibilities under relevant animal health and welfare and health and safety legislation and codes of practice.

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Scope/range related to performance criteria	Use three of the following methods or equipment to restrain a horse: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• holding up a leg• pinching skin on the neck• bridle• head collar• lunge line• chifney• twitch• sedation
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Glossary

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