

## Apply, fit and remove horse bandages and rugs

### Overview

This standard involves applying, fitting and removing horse clothing which could include travel, stable, exercise and tail bandages. It also involves applying, fitting and removing a range of horse rugs.

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 connection with this activity.

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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. select, apply and fit suitable horse bandages with protective padding, according to instructions
4. select, apply and fit horse tail bandage, according to instructions
5. check the comfort and safety of horse bandages to ensure they are fit for purpose
6. remove, roll and store horse bandages
7. select, apply and fit suitable horse rugs according to instructions
8. identify and remove any ill-fitting horse rugs or bandages safely and correctly
9. remove horse rugs, fold and store, according to instructions
10. 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 for applying and fitting stable, travel, exercise, or tail horse bandages
4. the dangers of unsafe bandaging
5. the different types of horse rugs and their applications for indoor and outdoor use
6. the principles of fitting and measuring horse rugs including leg straps
7. the consequences of ill-fitting horse rugs
8. the importance of cleaning horse rugs and bandages and storing them in a good condition
9. the risks to horses, yourself and others and how these can be minimised
10. your responsibilities under relevant animal health and welfare and health and safety legislation and codes of practice.

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## Scope/range

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- Scope/range related to performance criteria** You must provide performance evidence for fitting and removing:
- leg bandages
  - tail bandages
  - a variety of indoor and outdoor rugs

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### Glossary

Horse bandages:

- travel
- stable
- exercise
- tail

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