Long rein a horse, under supervision



Overview

This standard is about long reining a horse under supervision. This will include long reining a range of horses.

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. check that the area is suitable for long reining exercise of horses and take the appropriate action if it is not
- 3. approach the horse in accordance with instructions and in a manner that minimises stress to the horse and risk to yourself and others
- 4. check that the horse is in a fit condition to be long reined
- 5. select, check and fit suitable long rein tack and equipment, under supervision
- 6. maintain control of the horse at all times, appropriate to the conditions
- 7. use appropriate methods to long rein the horse, under supervision
- 8. remove and store horse tack and equipment correctly
- 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. your role and responsibilities in long reining horses for exercise
- 3. the reasons for long reining horses
- 4. how to approach horses in an appropriate manner to minimise stress and risk to yourself and others
- how to check that the horse is fit to be long reined, and recognise signs of illhealth, lameness or injury, which would affect the horse's welfare if it was worked
- 6. the types and use of horse tack and equipment including cavesson and long reins
- 7. the procedures associated with long reining horses
- 8. the different methods of long reining depending on the intended use of the horse
- 9. how to maintain control of the horse at all times
- 10. the ways in which conditions, such as weather, surface and other horses affect the process of long reining a horse
- 11. the length of time a horse can be long reined and why this is important
- 12. risks to horses, yourself and others and how these can be minimised
- 13. your responsibilities under relevant animal welfare and health and safety legislation and codes of practice.

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