

Overview

This standard is about riding horses on the road. This standard involves riding safely on the road according to the Highway Code. This will include riding on the road in a range of conditions.

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.

Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. select and wear the 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. fit suitable tack and equipment for riding horses on the road
4. complete the relevant preparations before a ride on the road is started
5. plan the intended route to ride on the road
6. mount and dismount horses safely
7. adjust gait and speed according to the conditions
8. follow the Highway Code for riding on the road at all times
9. maintain the 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 selection, use and care of personal protective equipment
2. road safety requirements and the relevance of the Highway Code
3. the responsibilities and principles of riding a horse in a group on the road
4. how to approach horses in an appropriate manner to minimise stress and risk to yourself and others
5. the conditions that may affect riding a horse on the road
6. the actions to be taken in the event of an accident or incident
7. the health and safety precautions to be taken when riding a horse on the road
8. the hazards likely to be encountered when riding a horse on the road
9. the positioning of the horse on the road especially at junctions
10. your responsibilities under relevant animal health and welfare and health and safety legislation and codes of practice.

Scope/range

Ride two different horses on the road.

Adjusting gait and speed according to four of the following conditions:

- road surface
- weather
- other road users
- riding in a group
- other riders
- visibility

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