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## Overview

This standard is about caring for horses at competitions. You will be required to comply with the appropriate competition rules and etiquette.

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 animal health and welfare and health and safety 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. comply with the appropriate competition regulations and etiquette at all times
3. approach the horse in accordance with instructions and in a manner that minimizes stress to the horse, and risk to yourself and others
4. care for the horses on arrival at competitions, according to instructions
5. identify any signs of illness and injury to the horses and report these to the appropriate person
6. provide feed, water and exercise to the horses before, during and after competitions, according to instructions
7. prepare the horses for competition at the appropriate time, according to instructions
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. the competition rules and regulations and the importance of adhering to them
3. the acceptable behaviour and etiquette for individuals at competitions
4. horse passports and identity requirements
5. how to approach horses in an appropriate manner to minimise stress and risk to yourself and others
6. the reactions of horses to the competition environment
7. how to care for the horses while at competitions
8. how to prepare horses for competitions
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**                      Care for horses during two different competitions

## Glossary

Care:

- water
- feed
- warm up
- warm down

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