

Prepare horses to be ridden by riders with special requirements

Overview

This standard is about preparing horses to be ridden by riders with special requirements.

You will be required to check rider records, prepare a horse for them to ride and ensure that riders are correctly and safely dressed.

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 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. check a rider's requirements and prepare any equipment needed to meet the rider's needs
4. prepare specified horses to be ridden, according to instructions
5. adjust tack to suit individual riders, according to instructions
6. report any hazardous situations promptly to the group leader
7. 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. how a rider's special requirements affect his or her riding
4. the hazards likely to be encountered and how they should be dealt with
5. how to prepare a suitable horse to be ridden for the rider's special requirements
6. the importance of checking and maintaining rider records
7. the risks to horses, yourself and others and how these can be minimised
8. your responsibilities under relevant animal health and welfare and health and safety legislation and codes of practice

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Scope/range

Prepare two different horses for riders with special requirements.

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