

Overview

This standard involves preparing and caring for horse-drawn vehicles, agricultural implements and related equipment.

It will involve cleaning the vehicle or implement and equipment to the required standard ready for use, carrying out pre-drive routine safety checks, reporting findings and taking action as instructed to ensure the vehicle or implement and equipment are fit for the intended purpose.

The standard also involves being able to identify different types of horse-drawn vehicles, agricultural implements and driving-related equipment, and their components. It also involves understanding their correct uses and functions.

This standard is suitable for anyone who is involved in the preparation and care of horse-drawn vehicles, agricultural implements and related equipment.

The work described in the standard would be carried out following agreement with a supervisor and 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. clean and prepare the horse-drawn vehicles, agricultural implements and related equipment to a standard appropriate for the intended use
3. carry out routine maintenance of the horse-drawn vehicles, agricultural implements and related equipment
4. carry out pre-use checks of the horse-drawn vehicles, agricultural implements and related equipment for wear, tear and damage
5. take action as instructed to ensure the horse-drawn vehicles, agricultural implements and related equipment are fit for purpose before use
6. ensure all driving-related equipment is correctly in place prior to use
7. care for the horse-drawn vehicles, agricultural implements and related equipment after use, and carry out post-use checks for signs of wear, tear or damage
8. report any areas of concern and take action as instructed
9. store the horse-drawn vehicles, agricultural implements and related equipment appropriately after use
10. 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. your role and responsibilities in relation to preparing horse-drawn vehicles, agricultural implements and related equipment for use
3. a range of horse-drawn vehicles or agricultural implements and related equipment, and their correct uses and functions
4. the basic parts of horse-drawn vehicles or agricultural implements, and the functions of each part and item of equipment
5. the importance of carrying out pre- and post-use checks for wear, tear or damage
6. how to carry out routine maintenance of horse-drawn vehicles, agricultural implements and related equipment
7. how to store horse-drawn vehicles, agricultural implements and equipment correctly between uses
8. the risks to horses, yourself and others and how these can be minimised
9. your responsibilities under relevant animal health and welfare and health and safety legislation and codes of practice.

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