

Manage horses when turned out

Overview

This standard involves managing horses when turned out. This will include the routine checking of the horses and the land.

You should be able to assess boundaries and any shelters, and check on the behaviour and condition of the horses.

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 and assess risks 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
2. assess that the land boundaries and shelters are suitable and secure for horses
3. ensure that an adequate supply of uncontaminated water is available
4. manage the turning out of horses as appropriate
5. check the behaviour and security of horses regularly and report as required, in accordance with procedures
6. organise the catching and bringing in of horses
7. monitor and maintain the health and 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 potential hazards that might occur when moving, releasing and catching horses
3. the methods of turning out horses into regular and new grazing land
4. how often to check the horse, field and water depending on the time of year and weather
5. the information that needs to be reported and recorded
6. how to introduce a new horse into an established group
7. the group behaviour of horses
8. the risks to horses, yourself and others and how these are controlled
9. your responsibilities under relevant animal health and welfare and health and safety legislation and codes of practice.

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- Scope/range related to performance criteria** Provide performance evidence for the following:
- releasing a horse onto the grazing land
 - catching a horse from grazing land

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Glossary

Boundaries:

- gates
- walls
- fences
- ditches
- hedges

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