

## Overview

This standard is about preparing and maintaining grazing land for horses. This involves looking at the quality, quantity and suitability of grazing land. It also includes identifying and controlling the presence of weeds and poisonous plants, identifying and removing hazards, ensuring an adequate supply of suitable water and checking boundaries.

You will need to be fully aware of the importance of health, safety and animal welfare in connection with this activity.

You will 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 quantity and quality of grazing land is appropriate for grazing horses
3. prepare and maintain grazing land by identifying and controlling the presence of weeds and poisonous plants
4. identify the presence of any hazards and take the appropriate action
5. assess the safety and security of boundaries for grazing land
6. prepare and maintain boundaries for grazing land
7. prepare and maintain an adequate supply of uncontaminated water
8. record the condition of the grazing land
9. monitor and maintain the health and 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. how to improve the quality of poor grazing land for horses
3. how to maintain the quality of good grazing land for horses
4. how to recognise and control the presence of weeds and poisonous plants
5. how to minimise parasitic infestation on grazing land for horses
6. the different types of boundaries, their suitability and use
7. how shelter may be provided and maintained for horses
8. the importance of a suitably located water supply
9. how to manage the water supply throughout the year
10. the importance of maintaining the security of grazing areas
11. the risks to horses, yourself and others and how these are controlled
12. your responsibilities under relevant animal health and welfare and health and safety legislation and codes of practice.

## Glossary

### Boundaries:

- gates
- walls
- fences
- ditches
- hedges

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