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HORSE FARM SAFETY CHECKLIST

Take the time to minimize the various hazards found on your property. Get in the habit of performing a walkthrough of your stable and around the farm on a regular basis to create a safer environment for your family and horses.

In the Stable

- Stable is ventilated and slick floors are minimized
- Stalls have exterior doors
- Aisles and traffic areas are clear of clutter, obstructions and debris
- Stable has adequate lighting and all electrical cords or wiring are enclosed in PVC conduit
- Permanent ladders are in good condition, are properly stored away when not in use, and checked before handling
- Low ceilings, beams etc are clearly marked
- Stored materials are properly stacked and labelled
- Sharp protrusions such as nails, splinters or sharp edges are removed from surfaces
- Large doors open smoothly
- Tractors and other fuel burning equipment are stored in a separate building
- Flammable liquids are properly labelled and stored in a separate building
- Hay and bedding are stored in a separate, well-ventilated building and stacked on pallets
- Stable has at least two entrances/exits
- Tools and equipment are well organized and stored properly
- First aid kits are stocked, maintained and accessible for emergencies
- The stable has trained (and up to date) first aiders



- There is a phone in the stable with emergency numbers posted clearly nearby
- Emergency evacuation plan is prepared and posted
- The stable has a new worker orientation training and job instruction procedure
- Health & Safety policy is posted for employees

Around the Farm

- Ensure that there is an assigned, fenced-in play area for children and a separate area for dogs
- Remove any clutter or debris including old boards, hay roll netting and hay bale twine
- Uncovered water tanks, wells, cisterns, ponds etc are protected (fenced) and clearly marked with DANGER signs
- Any ponds or open water are fenced off during the winter Gates are wide enough for trucks
- Gates are wide enough to allow trucks to move through
- All obstacles that can be snow covered are removed before winter
- Walkways are kept in good repair and clear of snow and ice
- Both sides of fencing and gates are kept in good repair
- Laneway is in good repair and entrance is wide enough to allow trucks and emergency vehicles
- Trees are checked on a regular basis for diseases and dead limbs are removed
- Toxic plants are identified, dug out and disposed of properly
- Underground utilities are marked or diagramed to prevent them from being cut
- Utility poles are protected from vehicles and there are no low-hanging wires
- Trailers are safely stored and chocked
- Right angles in pasture fences are blocked for safety of turned out horses



Tractor (and ATV's)

- Enforce the rule “No riders” on the tractor - always
- The tractor is equipped with a roll over protective structure (ROP) and seatbelts
- Always wear seatbelts with ROPs when available
- A slow moving vehicle (SMV) sign is fixed to the rear of the tractor
- A first-aid kit and fire extinguisher are mounted on the tractor
- When operating a tractor in a building, always open doors and windows or start ventilation fans

