





Horse Care Info Sheet

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

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- 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 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

Trailers (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



