CHECKLIST FOR FIRE SAFETY



Fire is an ever-present concern for stable owners. Enlist the assistance of your local fire department to do a walkthrough of your property and provide recommendations for a pre-plan, as well as a qualified electrician to evaluate your facility. There are many steps that can be taken to establish good fire prevention practices. The following are particularly important:

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	My address is posted very clearly in reflective numbers and can be visibly seen from both directions on the road	
	I have contacted the fire department and they have given me minimum height and width requirements and turning radius for their vehicles	
	My driveway/road can accommodate my fire department's vehicles, there are no overhanging branches, and the roadway is gravel or other improved base	
	My parking area does not impinge on access or turning room for emergency vehicles, and no one is allowed to park in front of the stable other than for temporary loading and unloading	
	My fire department knows the location of all water sources on my property – ponds, wells, storage tanks, hydrants – which are all easily accessible	
	If there is a pond on my property I have installed a standpipe (a rigid vertical pipe to which fire hoses can be connected)	
	My fire department knows the location of all emergency utility shutoffs	
	If there is a lock on my gate I have a lock box and my emergency responders have access. If there is a combination lock, they have the combination	
	There is a pre-plan (fire safety plan which includes the layout of the property indicating the buildings and number of animals inside etc.) in the lock box and the fire department also has a copy	

	I have cleared a fire barrier along my road and along my driveway and keep it clear no matter what the weather conditions.	
	I have cleared all weeds, brush and debris from around my stable	
	There are no overhanging trees or low hydro wires at my stable that could impede emergency vehicles.	
	I have clearly marked and easily accessed water spigots on all sides of my stable, with attached hoses long enough to reach the opposite end of the building	
	I have a shovel and a ladder on each side of my stable	
	I have a backup generator available (stored safely away from the stable) to provide emergency lighting in case of fire.	
	I have posted "No Smoking" signs around my stable and have informed my boarders that smoking will not be tolerated anywhere on my property	
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Every stall has a door that opens to the outside of the building
Equipment is in place outside the exterior stall doors that can be made into a safe runway to a paddock or pasture. When evacuating horses, exterior doors should open against the outside wall, and horses are herded down the runway to a safe holding area at least 100 feet from the stable. As each horse exits his stall, the door is closed behind him to prevent a loose horse from running back into a stall
I have all electrical wire encased in non-corrosive conduit
I have all light fixtures encased in safety cages
Cobwebs and debris are removed on a regular basis. Loose hay and straw are swept up and disposed of
All doors to stalls are in good working condition
I do not have any household extension cords, fans, heaters in my stable. All equipment is designed for stable use and is stored when not in use
I only use industrial-grade extension cords, don't overload them, and keep them out of the horses' reach
Any household electrical appliances such as coffee makers, microwaves, etc. use covered grounded outlets and are unplugged when not attended.
I have a phone in my stable. It is easily accessible, clearly marked, and emergency numbers and directions to the property are posted close by
Hay and bedding are stored in a separate building at least 50 feet away from my stable
All fuel, and vehicles that run on it, are at least 50 feet away from my stable
All aisles are clear of any hazards, including hay bales, tack boxes, storage bins, electrical cords, and cleaning equipment such as rakes and wheelbarrows
I have lightning protection installed on top of my stable and outbuildings
I have used flame retardant paints on any wood in my stable

Ц	Every horse has a halter and lead rope that is stored on the front of each stall. All boarders and horse owners have practiced emergency evacuation procedures, (horses have practiced with and without a blindfold), and every horse has been introduced to a firefighter in turnouts.
	Every horse knows how to load into a trailer under any circumstance (inclement weather, day or night, wildfire evacuation, veterinary emergency, etc)
	Our stable practices fire drills and every boarder understands that once flames are seen no one will be allowed to enter the stable, regardless of what person or animal is inside
	Safety and evacuation procedures are discussed at every boarder's meeting and everyone is aware of the dangers and knows the emergency action plan

