

Horses for Good

WHAT ARE THE HAZARDS?	WHO MIGHT BE HARMED AND HOW?	WHAT ARE YOU ALREADY DOING?	DO YOU NEED TO DO ANYTHING ELSE TO CONTROL THIS RISK?	ACTION BY WHO?	ACTION BY WHEN?	DONE
Undesirable equine contact	Employee	Sessions are supervised	Reminders/updates not to hand feed the horses when in a group to prevent other horses becoming dominant. Reminders/updates about how horses' behaviour can change in adverse weather conditions. Reminders/updates about mares' monthly cycles.	Nathaly Stobbe	ongoing	
	Freelance contractor	Horse handling training given				
	Apprentice	Training given to read horses' body language				
	Volunteer	All horses are regularly assessed to ensure suitability for sessions				
	Clients	Preventative measures in place such as no hand feeding (might nibble fingers)				
	Members of the public					
	POSSIBLE INJURIES					
	Knocked into					
	Foot trodden on					
	Nipped/bitten					
Kicked						
Tools	Freelance contractor	All tools are stored, used and returned to the tool area Sharp tools are stored in	Ongoing training and reminders to keep tools close by and not in reach of participants. Ongoing training and	Nathaly Stobbe	ongoing	

	Apprentice	locked area Sessions are supervised one-to-one	reminders to put tools away as soon as they are not being used.			
	Volunteer					
	Clients					
	Members of the public					
	Employee					
	POSSIBLE INJURIES					
	Trip over					
	Fall onto					
	Scratch, bruise, cuts					
Ropes	Apprentice	Sessions are supervised one-to-one	Ongoing training and reminders to return equipment to the tack room as soon as they are not in use or if seen on the yard.	Nathaly Stobbe	ongoing	
	Volunteer	Rope handling skills training is given				
	Clients	Rope safety briefing is given regularly				
	Employee	Ropes are all safely stored				
	POSSIBLE INJURIES	Ropes are always returned to a lockable tack room when not in use				
	Rope burn					
	Trip over					
	Sprains/strains					
	Fractures					

Knives and scissors	Employee	All sharps are kept in a storage container at a height out of reach	Ensure strict rules are adhered to about sharps being put away safely and out of reach after use.	Nathaly Stobbe	ongoing	
	Apprentice					
	Volunteer	Sharps container is stored in a lockable tack room				
	Clients	Sessions are supervised one-to-one				
	POSSIBLE INJURIES					
	Cuts	Facilitator's discretion as to the competence of participant to handle sharps				
	Puncture wound					
Vehicles on site	Employee	<p>Sessions are supervised one-to-one</p> <p>Gaps in the timetable allow for one car to leave before the next arrives</p> <p>Car parking is very close to main gate, away from the working areas</p> <p>Some participants are escorted to and from the car</p> <p>Contractors are not booked during session times</p> <p>Visitors are not booked</p>	No additional measures required at present.	Nathaly Stobbe	ongoing	

	Freelance contractor	during session times				
	Apprentice					
	Volunteer					
	Clients					
	Members of the public					
	POSSIBLE INJURIES					
	Collision					
Drains	Employee	Sessions are supervised one-to-one	No additional measures required at present.	Nathaly Stobbe	ongoing	
	Freelance contractor	Caution is given in slippery conditions/areas				
	Apprentice	Participants are escorted around the drains				
	Volunteer					
	Clients					
	Members of the public	An 'in use' bucket is placed on or next to the drain to make it obvious				
	POSSIBLE INJURIES					
Trip/stumble						
Allergies	Employee	Medical history is requested on registration form so that we are aware	No additional measures required at present.	Nathaly Stobbe	ongoing	
		Medical conditions are requested on referral				

	Freelance contractor	form				
	Apprentice	Participant is supervised so that allergens can be avoided				
	Volunteer					
	Clients	Participants are advised to bring any current prescribed medications needed				
	Members of the public					
	POSSIBLE INJURIES					
	Reaction to horse/pet hair	Participants are encouraged to wash their hands after grooming/contact				
	Reaction to hay/pollen	Facilitators can do tasks, such as pre-fill haynets, to avoid hay dust				
Diseases	Employee	<p>Antibacterial hand gel is available in the toilet and wash areas</p> <p>Hand soap is provided in the wash areas</p> <p>Participants are prompted to wash their hands before leaving and before eating</p> <p>Participants are prompted to wash and cover any scratches/cuts/open</p>	No additional measures required at present.	Nathaly Stobbe	ongoing	

	Freelance contractor	wounds				
	Apprentice					
	Volunteer					
	Clients					
	Members of the public					
	POSSIBLE INJURIES					
	Sickness/diarrhoea					
	Skin diseases					
Water	Employee	Sessions are supervised one-to-one	No additional measures required at present.	Nathaly Stobbe	ongoing	
	Freelance contractor	Risk assessment is carried out to assess particular children				
	Apprentice	Particular participants are kept away from water if needed				
	Volunteer	Waterproof clothing is advised				
	Clients	Spare coats and wellies are available if required				
	Members of the public					
	POSSIBLE INJURIES					
	Slip					
	Cold from wet clothes					
	Drowning					

Ponds	Employee	Pond in garden is fenced off with big gate	No additional measures required at present.	Nathaly Stobbe	ongoing	
	Freelance contractor	Participants are supervised one-to-one				
	Apprentice					
	Volunteer					
	Clients					
	Members of the public					
	POSSIBLE INJURIES					
	Drowning					
Horse Walker	Employee	Participants are supervised	No additional measures required at present.	Nathaly Stobbe	ongoing	
	Apprentice	If horse walker is used in a session the participant is supervised one-to-one				
	Volunteer					
	Clients					
	Members of the public	Horse walker is always turned off when loading/unloading horses				
	POSSIBLE INJURIES	Everyone is trained prior to the use of the horse walker				
	Knocked					

Road traffic (A6)	Clients	Participants are supervised on a one-to-one basis	No additional measures required at present.	Nathaly Stobbe	ongoing	
	POSSIBLE INJURIES					
	Collision	<p>Gate to the yard is kept closed at all times</p> <p>At risk participants are not allowed out of sight during sessions</p> <p>At risk participants have parent/carer remain with them during sessions</p>				

THIS RISK ASSESSMENT MUST BE REVIEWED AT LEAST EACH YEAR TO ENSURE IT IS STILL VALID. (SIGN BELOW)

If you think it might no longer be valid (eg following an accident in the workplace or if there are any significant changes to hazards, such as new work equipment or work activities, increase or decrease in staff numbers) then a new or revised risk assessment must be undertaken

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