



HERITAGE DRAUGHT HORSE CLUB INC. A0059949K

History in Action

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SAFETY GUIDELINES

The intent of these guidelines is to provide a safe place for working demonstrations with safe working practices both for the operator and the public.

All members need to recognise that they have a legal duty to take a level of care at which they are capable to protect their own and others health and safety.

Member's personal responsibilities.

The club advises each member to supply their own first aid kit for themselves and their horses.

Members are reminded that safety is the top priority. At all club events, members need to be aware what is happening around them while working their horses and what other people are doing while working their horses. **Take care, be alert and stay safe.**

Member's responsibilities

Safety Officer instructions are to be adhered to by members.

Committee can be called at any time to discuss issues.

Horses to wear blinkers at all times while in work.

Horses are to not be left unattended while still connected to an implement or vehicle, nor with an implement or vehicle between them.

No horses to be tied up and left unattended where members of the public can untie them

Horses must be secured at all times when not in use. i.e. yarded, hobbled and tied to something suitable that will withstand the horse pulling. The use of hay band is prohibited.

Horses are not to be tied to fencing wire or insecure item at any time

Reins must be long enough to enable the operator to drive from behind the implement.

Hooks or quick release clips to be used on end of trace ends or chains to allow the quick release. "D" shackles are not suitable.

Horses must be held or tied up and fully harnessed (including reins and winkers) before hitching to a vehicle or implement. When unhitching, the horse or horses must be held or tied up then the vehicle or implement is removed before the reins, winkers or harness are removed.

The driver must always be seated in the vehicle, holding the reins and have the horses under control before any passenger mounts or dismounts the vehicle.

Implements are not to be ridden on in any manner, unless a seat is fitted to the implement. One seat means one person. A sled is a general-purpose farm tool and has many applications and can carry more than one person

Drivers and/or passengers must remain seated at all times when driving.

It is recommended that handlers be 16 years and over, however, it is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to understand the Safety Guidelines at events. All handlers under the age of 16 years must be supervised by an adult, parent, or guardian.

No riding of horses at any event.

All horses must be well trained and experienced in the work that they are to perform.

Use of equipment must suit the purpose.

No member is to work their horse/s unless a Safety Officer is present.

Amendments (June 2022)

A whip of an appropriate length should be carried when driving a wheeled vehicle.

A Toolbox meeting must be held daily for every event.

Safety is the responsibility of all members, and you must ensure that your actions do not affect other persons.