



RISK ASSESSMENT PRO-FORMA DOCUMENT

- Job Description: Saddling horse

- Identify:
 - Location (where)
 - Times (when)

- Analyse:
 - Likelihood (how likely that an incident will occur)
 1. Very likely
 2. Likely
 3. Possible
 4. Unlikely
 5. Very unlikely

 - Consequences (the severity of injury which could arise from this hazard)
 1. Fatality
 2. Permanent disability
 3. Medical treatment required (fracture, burns)
 4. First aid required (lacerations)
 5. No medical treatment required

- Specific Tasks:

<u>Procedure</u>	<u>Hazards</u>	<u>Likelihood</u> (1 – 5)	<u>Consequences</u> (1 – 5)
- brush & clean horse and feet	crush, bite, trample, kick, muscle strain
- check all gear for wear & tear: bridle & bit, saddle, girth, surcingle, stirrups, leathers, breast plate, towels & padding	muscle strain, slip, trip, fall (uneven area)

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<u>Procedure</u>	<u>Hazards</u>	<u>Likelihood</u> (1 – 5)	<u>Consequences</u> (1 – 5)
- saddle horse & fit breast plate	as above
- attach bridle, fit & fasten	bite, head-butt, laceration, trample
- proceed to mounting area	as above

- Evaluate:

- Risk is a function of both consequence and likelihood. Accordingly, the above ratings should be added together to calculate a total risk rating;
- The following nominal bands are prepared as a guide:
 - 10 – 20 Very high risk
 - 21 – 30 High risk
 - 31 – 40 Medium risk
 - 41 – 50 Low risk

- Treatment:

- Controls should be adopted to minimise risk. These include:
 - Key safety plant/personal protective equipment (“ppe”):
 - safety work boots for saddling;
 - saddle and breast plate, bridle, bit, reins, tie-ups, leads all in order;
 - towels and packing OK.
 - Safety checks/hazardous substances:
 - check gear for faults, wear and tear, cleanliness;
 - check ppe.
 - External considerations:
 - weather conditions.
 - Qualifications/experience/training required to complete work:
 - licensed trainer or foreperson with horse handling competency and inducted for correct saddling procedures.

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