**Safe Work Method Statement**

**Form 007.2**

**Safe Work Method Statement (Part 1)**

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| **Job: SWIMMING HORSES** | **Document Reference** |
| **Department: Racing Stables****Section:** **Work Area: Race Club Swimming Pool / Private stable pool****NOTE: Some horses are swum in rivers, dams and at beaches. Racing NSW advises that these activities may be dangerous.** | **No:** |
| **Revision Date:****Manager’s Approval:****Manager’s Name:** |
| **Key Safety Plant / Equipment / (including P.P.E.)** | **Safety Checks / Hazardous Substances** |
| * Safe work boots
* Wide brimmed hat / sunblock / sunglasses if affected by glare
* Head collar / double clip lead / bit
* Swimming pole
* Flotation aids/life vest
 | * Other horses in vicinity
* Two handlers per horse
* Pool entry gates closed & lockable
* Ensure means of contacting emergency services if necessary
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| **Codes of Practice Legislation: Applicable to Work? Y/N****If Yes, state:** | **External Considerations**Storms / bad weatherSwimming (in)ability of horse handlers |
| **Person/s required to carry out work** | **Duties & Responsibilities** | **Qualifications / Experience / Training required to complete work** |
| Strappers and Stablehands | Safe horse handling | Registered Stablehand - Horse handling competency.  |

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| **SAFE WORK METHOD STATEMENT (PART 2)** | **Document Reference:** |
| **Job: SWIMMING HORSES** | **No:** |
| **Procedure (in steps)** | **Possible Hazards in Executing Procedure** | **Key Safety Controls & Associated Procedures** |
| Physically check swimming area | Slips on wet area | Slip/trip hazards removed and/or cleaned-up |
| Check swimming schedule | Overcrowding | Ensure no more than one (1) horse swims at a time |
| Hose or groom horse | Trampling / kicking | Experienced handler |
| Headcollar and lead / bitLead to pool | Horse may become fractious | Have two handlers to assist |
| Handler on each side of horseas it enters pool | Risk of injuries from trampling | Strappers footwear safety approved |
| Swim horse for desired time | Horse may roll, go underHandler may fall into pool & be unable to swim | Two handlers Two handlers plus handlers must wear flotation aid/life vest at all times |
| Remove horse from pool | Horse may rush / slip on exit ramp | As above – keep horse calm |
| Hose and scrape horse | Crushing / trampling | Experienced handler |
| Dry horse and rug | As above | As above |
| Secure equine pool/swimming area | Unauthorised persons may use areaUnauthorised out of hours usage | Ensure that area is securely fenced with warning signage & lockable gates |