**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 |
| **Codes of Practice Legislation: Applicable to Work? Y/N**  **If Yes, state:** | | **External Considerations**  Storms / bad weather  Swimming (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 / bit  Lead to pool | Horse may become fractious | | Have two handlers to assist |
| Handler on each side of horse  as it enters pool | Risk of injuries from trampling | | Strappers footwear safety approved |
| Swim horse for desired time | Horse may roll, go under  Handler 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 area  Unauthorised out of hours usage | | Ensure that area is securely fenced with warning signage & lockable gates |