Horse Handling Safety Checklist

A horse handling safety checklist for owners and riders to check tack, footing, helmets, barn habits, and horse behavior before working around horses.

Farm / unit: _____ Date: _____ By: _____

ITEM	OK	FIX	N/A
Helmet and boots worn	☐	☐	☐
Halter and lead in good shape	☐	☐	☐
Tack fits and is sound	☐	☐	☐
Footing clear and safe	☐	☐	☐
Approach from the side	☐	☐	☐
Tie with a quick release	☐	☐	☐
Avoid standing behind the horse	☐	☐	☐
Gates latched behind you	☐	☐	☐
Know the horse's habits	☐	☐	☐
Emergency plan known	☐	☐	☐

NOTES / REPAIRS NEEDED

TIP Never wrap a lead rope around your hand, and tell others when you are working around a horse.

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