



Tasmanian Horse Drawn Vehicle Foundation Inc.

Duty of Care and Risk Management Guidelines

Equipment

- * All harness and vehicles should be in sound condition and adjusted to fit the horse or pony.
- * The vehicle should be of a type suitable for the terrain to be covered.
- * It is compulsory for vehicles to have solid floors.
- * It is recommended that a spares bag be carried. The bag should contain: a halter and lead rope, a multi purpose knife, a spare rein and trace, some baling twine and a puncture repair kit for pneumatic tyres.
- * After lighting up time, vehicles on the highway must have reflectors and red rear electric lamps – candle lamps do not provide sufficient lighting.

The Horse/Pony

- * Always take care when introducing a horse or pony into an unfamiliar environment/situation.
- * Never tie your horse to an unhitched trailer.
- * Never leave a turnout tied to a fixed object with a horse/pony still in the shafts.
- * Never tie a turnout to another turnout.
- * Never remove the bridle until the horse is free of the vehicle.
- * When dismounting from a vehicle someone should get to the horse's head as soon as possible (Driver or Groom).
- * All new horses should attend a training day to ensure they are confident working with other turnouts

Driving

- * The Driver should be first on the vehicle and last off.
- * Apart from entering or leaving the vehicle, standing up in the vehicle should be avoided.
- * Your whip is an aid and should be in your hand not the whip holder.
- * When driving in company, never move off adjacent to another horse being put to, without checking the other driver is ready for you to do so.
- * Never drive too close to the carriage in front unless invited to do so.
- * Pass pedestrians and other horses ridden or driven carefully – not too close or too fast.
- * After descending a slope remember that all turnouts behind must be clear of the slope before anyone increases pace.
- * Look well ahead and remember that what you miss, but your horse sees!!, could be the start of a problem.
- * An active groom or passenger should be carried in the vehicle where possible.
- * When driving with a group, always allow sufficient space to exit easily when you stop.
- * It is recommended that adults wear a helmet during speed competition.

Juniors

- * Junior Drivers aged up to 18 years should be accompanied by an adult experienced driver on all Club activities.
- * All Juniors at ACDS activities must wear a helmet.
