



## Assignment Brief

### HC-L1-A04 Safe Handling and Tacking Procedures

#### Scenario

You are working as a Trainee Groom at a riding school. Your instructor has asked you to produce a Safety Guide for Handling and Tacking Horses for new volunteers.

The guide must explain how to safely handle horses on the yard and how to put on tack correctly while protecting the safety of both the handler and the horse.

#### Task 1 – Handling Safety (117 1.1, 1.3, 1.4, 119 1.1, 1.3, 1.4)

Explain the safety precautions that should be taken when:

- Approaching a horse - Promoting confidence in the horse by approaching in a calm, safe manner
- Leading a horse - The correct method and the potential dangers involved if control is lost
- Moving horses between locations - The methods for controlling the horse in different situations (e.g. moving to fields, veterinary inspections, farrier visits).

#### Task 2 – Tacking Up Safety (111 2.1, 117 1.5, 119 2.1)

State the safety precautions to be taken while tacking up and un-tacking a horse.

Describe the correct use of tack when leading or controlling a horse.

#### Task 3 – Tack Inspection (111 1.1, 113 1.1, 119 2.2)

Explain how to check tack for:

- Damage
- Wear and tear
- Unsafe stitching
- State what to do if you find a problem and how to recognise if the tack is likely to cause the horse discomfort or be unsafe

#### Task 4 – Protective Clothing (117 1.2)

Identify appropriate protective clothing for handling and tacking horses and explain why it is important.

#### Task 5 – Tying Horses Safely (109 1.2)

State how to tie horses up safely and how to secure the horse if it needs to be left when tacked up.

#### Task 6 – Identifying Tack Parts (111 1.3, 113 1.5)

List the parts of the bridle and basic parts of the saddle, and the individual horse's equipment.

#### Evidence

You may present your work as:

- A written safety guide with photos/diagrams
- A laminated poster for the tack room
- A demonstration with accompanying written notes