

Barn and Property Safety Checklist

Item	OK	To Do	Shopping List
Around the Property			
Check perimeter fencing and gates. Do you need to replace boards and wires? Is gate hardware in good working order? Do the gates drag on the ground?			
Do you need to remove any fallen branches, stumps and debris? Look for broken branches on trees and shrubs that are low enough a horse may run into it and cut or impale themselves.			
Check for poison plants.			
Check for overgrown bushes that may block gates.			
Is your address clearly visible on the street for easy access of emergency services?			
Check jumps and other equipment in your arenas. Make sure nothing has broken or come loose. Screws may work loose over time.			
Check water troughs and feeders for damage.			
Check drainage pipes for sharp edges.			
Run-In Sheds - Check the buildings over all condition, look for nails and other sharp objects. Erosion may cause gaps to form where a horse could catch a leg or hoof.			
Around the Barn			
Make sure debris, combustible material and weeds are cleared 30 feet from structures for fire protection			
Check barn structure. Is there damage to posts, beams or walls? Is the roof in good condition?			
Do the outside electrical outlets and switches have waterproof covers?			
Wash areas should be free of clutter and any shelves should be high enough that a horse will not hit the shelf.			
Are fire extinguishers in working order? Place fire extinguishers in all buildings. In large facilities, place fire extinguishers every 40 ft.			
Inspect all wiring. Older wiring may have damage from weather or rodents.			
Check all electrical cords. Appliances and equipment should be unplugged when not in use.			
Are there cobwebs and dust accumulating behind refrigerators and other appliance, around lights, near electrical sources? If so, clean the area.			

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Grain and supplements should be stored in metal cans and lids secured with a bungee cord to prevent rodent infestation. This will also keep that escaped horse from gorging on grain.			
Hay & Shavings Storage. Whenever possible store these in a separate building. Storing hay in a well ventilated loft is preferable to the floor. If you store hay on the floor, place it on pallets or skids as far from stalls as possible. Keep the area clean.			
Are aisle ways clear of clutter? Any items stored in the aisles should be placed on hooks high enough that a panicked horse will not injure himself. Tack boxes and other items on the floor should not prevent stall doors from opening.			
Check stalls for damage to wood surfaces, broken or cracked feeders, protruding nails. Check the floor for damage or uneven surfaces. Look around the bottom of stalls for areas that may be hazardous when a horse rolls.			
Check latches and door knobs. Are they in good working order? Do they pose a hazard? Will tack or horses be hung up on them?			
Check floors for standing water, slick surfaces and uneven areas.			
Look for and destroy any wasps nests			
Throw away old medications. Remember if you did not use all of that antibiotic, etc. you should not keep it around. When in doubt, ask your vet.			
Check first aid and emergency supply kits. Do you need to replenish supplies? Throw away expired over the counter medications and replace as needed.			
Are emergency numbers and information posted near the phone or in the barn aisle? Is the information up-to-date?			
Boarding facilities should have safety rules clearly posted.			
Do you have "No Smoking" signs posted?			