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ACMFAR304 Respond to emergencies and apply first aid

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Application

This unit of competency describes the skills and knowledge required to respond to emergencies across a broad spectrum of situations and incidents, and to apply first aid to equines.

The unit applies to individuals who use specialised knowledge and technical skills to perform farriery services across different equine industry sectors.

No occupational licensing or certification requirements apply to this unit at the time of publication.

Work health and safety and animal welfare legislation relevant to interacting with horses applies to workers in this industry. Requirements vary between industry sectors and state/territory jurisdictions. Users are advised to check with the relevant authority for specific requirements.

NOTE: The terms ‘occupational health and safety’ (OHS) and ‘work health and safety’ (WHS) generally have the same meaning in the workplace. In jurisdictions where the national model WHS legislation has not been implemented, RTOs must contextualise the unit of competency by referring to current OHS legislative requirements.

Pre-requisite Unit

Nil

Unit Sector

Farriery (FAR)

Elements and Performance Criteria

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1. Prepare for emergency situations	1.1 Perform regular checks of the workplace to identify hazards and assess and control risks 1.2 Take action to maximise safety and control health hazards and risks in the workplace 1.3 Identify and evaluate options for action in case of emergency situations 1.4 Interpret and carry out workplace emergency procedures 1.5 Apply work health and safety (WHS) procedures and safe work practices to the selection of personal protective equipment (PPE) to suit the emergency situation 1.6 Store and maintain safety equipment and aids for emergencies 1.7 Report or document near misses and hazards
2. Implement fire protection and control on-site and in the workshop	2.1 Minimise fire hazards in the workplace as specified in hazardous fuelling procedures 2.2 Identify appropriate fire extinguishers and firefighting equipment for use in fire situations, and notify authorities according to workplace procedures 2.3 Follow evacuation procedures and assemble at nominated assembly points 2.4 Carry out specific safety procedures for handling and use of industrial gases
3. Evaluate the emergency	3.1 Identify and assess emergency situations and potential emergency situations 3.2 Seek advice from relevant people in evaluating the emergency 3.3 Monitor and evaluate the possible development of the emergency and further potential hazards 3.4 Prioritise emergency needs promptly and accurately, including needs for assistance
4. Act in an emergency	4.1 Implement the plan of action using techniques appropriate to the situation, available resources and abilities 4.2 Establish and implement strategies for group control, including removal of personnel, clients, animals and others

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	from danger 4.3 Operate equipment safely and, where necessary, improvise equipment and techniques 4.4 Monitor constantly the condition of all staff, animals and others 4.5 Change the plan of action to accommodate changes in situational variables 4.6 Acquire and document information to assist emergency services 4.7 Notify emergency services according to emergency procedures 4.8 Demonstrate casualty evacuation methods as relevant to the context 4.9 Implement organisation procedures and policies in the event of a major injury or death
5. Deal with first aid situations	5.1 Minimise immediate risk to self and health and safety of casualty by isolating the hazard 5.2 Make a basic assessment of casualty injuries and vital signs, and need for first aid assistance 5.3 Reassure the casualty in a caring and calm manner and make casualty comfortable using available resources 5.4 Seek first aid assistance from others according to emergency procedures
6. Apply essential equine first aid techniques	6.1 Recognise and report signs of common equine illnesses or diseases 6.2 Recognise and report indicators of abnormal system function and vital signs of equines 6.3 Calm and restrain equine prior to first aid assessment using safe handling techniques 6.4 Follow first aid policy and procedures with respect to obligations of owners, regulations and duty of care 6.5 Apply principles of first aid procedures relating to injury or accident 6.6 Follow and contribute to a policy and system of referral of injury treatment and emergency care

Foundation Skills

This section describes those language, literacy, numeracy and employment skills that are essential for performance in this unit of competency but are not explicit in the performance criteria.

Skill	Description
Reading	Interpret key requirements in organisation policies and procedures, including safety and emergency procedures
Writing	Use clear language and accurate industry terminology for reporting and keeping records of incidents
Oral communication	Use tone and clear instructions appropriate for situation to avoid further escalation of risk or incidents
Navigate the world of work	Know emergency and first aid procedures and requirements, taking responsibility for implementing within own role and work area
Interact with others	Work collaboratively as part of a team to deal with contingency and emergency situations
Get the work done	Anticipate equine behaviour and less-predictable problems; initiate standard procedures in response, and apply problem-solving process in determining a solution

Unit Mapping Information

Code and title current version	Code and title previous version	Comments	Equivalence status
ACMFAR304 Respond to emergencies and apply first aid	ACMFAR304A Respond to emergencies and apply essential first aid in the equine industries	Updated to meet Standards for Training Packages	Equivalent unit

Links

Companion Volumes, including Implementation Guides, are available at VETNet: - <https://vetnet.gov.au/Pages/TrainingDocs.aspx?q=b75f4b23-54c9-4cc9-a5db-d3502d154103>

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Performance Evidence

An individual demonstrating competency must satisfy all of the elements and performance criteria in this unit.

There must be evidence that the individual responded to simulated emergencies and applied first aid, including:

- preparing for, evaluating and responding to at least three simulated emergency activities
- implementing fire prevention and control measures on-site and in a workshop
- catching, handling and restraining equines in a safe and humane manner
- applying basic first aid techniques to simulated equines on at least two occasions.

Knowledge Evidence

An individual must be able to demonstrate the knowledge required to perform the tasks outlined in the elements and performance criteria of this unit. This includes knowledge of:

- principles and practices for responding to emergencies:
 - common equine illnesses and diseases
 - common injuries and accidents
- different items of handling gear and appropriate personal protective equipment
- emergency network and local call procedures
- workplace emergency plan and evacuation procedures
- factors influencing a range of equine behaviours in an emergency or first aid situation
- basic equine first aid procedures
- workplace and legal policies and procedures to deal with an accident or incident
- safe work practices in emergency and first aid situations, including safe equine handling practices
- vital signs and warning signs in equines
- key principles of animal welfare legislation as applied to farriery services
- work health and safety legislative requirements and codes of practice, including:
 - safe manual handling techniques and equipment

- safe waste handling and disposal
- emergency evacuations.

Assessment Conditions

Assessment of skills must take place under the following conditions:

- physical conditions:
 - a workplace or an environment that accurately reflects performance in a real workplace setting
 - simulated emergency situation scenarios or role-plays, and related equipment and materials
- resources, equipment and materials:
 - various compliant and manageable equines for practice of first aid treatment and assessed as suitable for the level of skill and experience of the individual; or acceptable means of simulation
 - various personnel or acceptable simulation methods to address dealing with first aid situations
 - equipment and materials to respond to first aid requirements of equines.

Training and assessment strategies must show evidence of the use of guidance provided in the *Companion Volume: User Guide: Safety in Equine Training*.

Assessors of this unit must satisfy the requirements for assessors in applicable vocational education and training legislation, frameworks and/or standards.

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