

Why Horse Handling Training

The Farm and Ranch Safety and Health Association (FARSHA) recognizes that working with and around horses is a major contributor to lost time and hospitalized injuries; particularly in the ranching industry. Injury data from WorkSafeBC and the Canadian Agricultural Injury Surveillance Program (CAISP) validate that point. FARSHA also recognizes that these injuries are preventable, and that the number of injuries can be significantly reduced through education and training. This training program will deal with many areas of horse handling that have the potential to cause injury to both the horse and the handler.

FARSHA is committed to reducing the number of injuries and fatalities on farm and ranches in BC. The long term goal of the Safe Horse Handling training program is to reduce occupational injury and disease, particularly on ranches.

Horse Handling Training Program Content

- Various length modules delivered in its entirety or in stand-alone modules
- Instructional Strategies
 - Demonstration through DVD presentation
 - Group discussion, case study and personal experience
 - Supplementary information from Instructor's Guide
- Topic - specific handouts for participant to keep
- High quality course material.
- Instructors with full understanding and experience in teaching this program.



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FARSHA has worked to make employers and workers aware of safety and health hazards, and to help them follow British Columbia's WorkSafeBC's regulatory requirements.

FARSHA's staff and Regional Safety Consultants are available to deliver health and safety training to farm employers and workers anywhere in British Columbia. These courses vary from a few hours to a full day or more, depending on the topic. Almost all are free of charge. Training courses can be held at your farm or at a community site.

For more information on implementing Safety Awareness training programs, please contact your Regional Safety Consultant or the Farm and Ranch Safety and Health Association.

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Horse Handling Risk Management



Purpose

Designed to build the safe handling practices of working cowboys and ranchers who use horses and to help them realize their ability to affect the outcome of potentially hazardous situations using safe horse handling procedures and techniques.

The Horse Handling training program will help employers meet their responsibility of due diligence.

Due Diligence

- Means:
Taking all reasonable care to protect the well-being of employees or co-workers while at work.
- To meet the standards of due diligence you must:
Take all precautions that are reasonable for the circumstance to prevent injury or accident in the workplace, to enable workers to carry out their health and safety responsibilities.
- To exercise due diligence an employer must:
Implement a plan to identify possible workplace hazards and carry out the appropriate corrective action to prevent accidents or injuries arising from these hazards.

Horse Handling Training Program

This training program is valuable for working cowboys, ranch hands, and family members who use horses as part of their daily or seasonal work activities. It is adaptable and useful for the recreational rider, packers and wranglers, and those who handle horses to a lesser degree.

This is not a "horse training" course. The focus is Safety Awareness for the handler while carrying out various common horse handling



or ranch tasks. A well-trained horse is always safer than one poorly trained. Participants should be encouraged to seek outside training opportunities and available materials to increase both their own and the horse's abilities.

The training program is divided into eight modules, plus a short interview and a slideshow.

Activities

- DVD presentation brings riding realities into a classroom setting
- Learn about actual events through Case Studies
- Interactive discussion on the environment of Horse Handling
- Slide show with teaching commentary on the various depictions
- "Tips from the Tops", short interviews with some of the best Horse Handlers in North America.



Training Topics

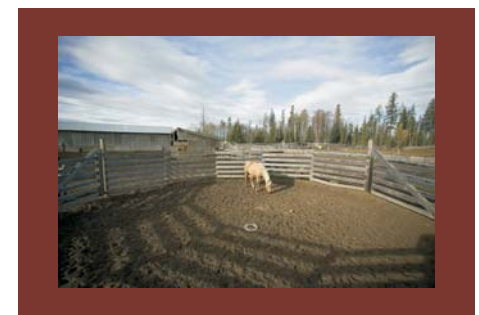
Disc # 1

- Gates
- Handling Basics
- Rough Country Riding
- Wit and Wisdom
- Pasture Doctoring
- Roping
- Shoeing
- Trailering
- Interview with Bark K Ranch Manager, Mark Grafton



Disc # 2

- Slideshow
- Colt Starting, a 1:14 minute stand-alone "plug and play" presentation with full on-screen narrative.



The Farm and Ranch Safety and Health Association will provide a certificate upon successful completion.