

Course Details

FA13A Emergency First Aid for the Equine Industry

This programme of training specifically relates to those working in the equine industry. While the nature of injuries and illnesses is similar in most industries this course relates them specifically to the world of horses. In some cases the management of medical conditions may be different because of protective clothing worn by riders and the general situation. The course is thus ideal for establishment managers, instructors, event staff, riders in general, parents and the general public.

Topics include:

- Role of the first aider
- Prevention of cross infection
- Record keeping
- Available equipment and resources

Basic Life Support

- Scene assessment/making the scene safe
- Dealing with an unconscious patient
- CPR
- Managing bleeding
- Managing shock

Secondary Care - injuries

Administering first aid to a patient who:

- is choking
- has a major bleed (incl. internal)
- has injuries to bones, muscles or joints
- has a back and/or neck injury
- has chest injuries
- has a head injury including fracture, concussion/compression
- has been dragged
- has been burned or scalded
- has a penetrating or impalement injury
- has a crush injury minor/major
- has been bitten

All injuries and illnesses will be related where possible to equine activity. Advice will be given as to the prevention of injury e.g. not wearing hair fastenings under crash helmets, not eating whilst riding etc.

The course will be delivered by HSE registered professional trainers where possible with experience of working with horses.

Course duration

2 days - 16 hrs

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