

Yard Risk Assessments

Hundleby Equestrian Centre 2025/6

Area: Barns & Stable Blocks

Hazard: Slips, trips, and falls (hoses, hay, uneven surfaces)

- Who is at risk: Staff, riders, visitors
- Controls: Clear walkways daily, hoses coiled after use, hay swept up, repair uneven flooring, good lighting

Hazard: Horse kicks or bites

- Who is at risk: Handlers, farriers, vets
- Controls: Horses tied correctly, signs on known kickers/biters, PPE (gloves, hats if required), trained staff only

Hazard: Fire (hay, electrics, smoking)

- Who is at risk: Everyone on site
- Controls: No smoking signs, fire extinguishers checked regularly, electrical equipment PAT tested, hay stored separately, exits kept clear

Hazard: Poor ventilation/dust

- Who is at risk: Horses, staff, visitors
- Controls: Daily mucking out, regular ventilation, dampen dusty bedding/feed, use dust-free bedding

Hazard: Escape or loose horses

- Who is at risk: Horses, people, road users (if escape yard)
- Controls: Gates always closed, secure latches, lead ropes always used, stables shut when not in use

Hazard: Sharp edges or broken fittings

- Who is at risk: Horses, handlers
- Controls: Weekly checks of doors, bolts, haynets, automatic drinkers; fix any sharp edges immediately

Area: Fields, Paddocks & Fencing

Hazard: Injuries from fencing or gates

- Who is at risk: Horses, handlers
- Controls: Daily fence checks, remove sharp edges or wire, use horse-safe fencing, gates hung properly and oiled

Hazard: Escaped horses (gates left open, broken fences)

- Who is at risk: Horses, public, drivers
- Controls: Staff trained to shut all gates, padlocks on perimeter gates, fencing maintained weekly

Hazard: Poisonous plants (ragwort, acorns, yew)

- Who is at risk: Horses
- Controls: Weekly paddock walks, remove harmful plants promptly, train staff to identify poisonous plants

Hazard: Uneven or slippery ground

- Who is at risk: Horses, handlers
- Controls: Avoid turnout on dangerous ground (frozen, heavily poached), re-seed worn areas, restrict access in wet conditions

Hazard: Herd behaviour (kicking, bullying)

- Who is at risk: Horses
- Controls: Careful group turnout, monitor for bullying, separate if needed, never turn out new horses without supervision

Hazard: Water trough contamination or freezing

- Who is at risk: Horses
- Controls: Troughs cleaned weekly, checked daily in winter, de-icers or rubber balls in freezing weather

General Safety Measures (Applicable to All Yard Areas)

- **PPE:** Gloves and boots to be worn when handling horses
- **Supervision:** Young or inexperienced handlers must be supervised

- **First Aid:** First aid kits available in yard and field shelter areas
- **Zoning:** Signage to keep public out of restricted areas (if applicable)
- **Staff Training:** All staff trained on horse handling, fire safety, and yard rules


EC Pro Integration

- **All incidents, repairs needed, horse injuries, and field checks are logged in EC Pro**
- Use daily checklists to record field safety, fence inspections, and water trough checks
- Risk assessment reviews and updates also stored and scheduled through EC Pro

Contact Us

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