

Seen anything unusual?



Emergency Horse Disease Preparedness

LOOK, CHECK, ASK A VET

LOOK Inspect all horses daily

CHECK For any unusual signs, behaviour or rapid spread of disease

ASK A VET If in doubt - separate suspect horse(s) and seek immediate veterinary attention

PREVENTION

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New Arrivals

Introduce only healthy horses
Maintain movement records to and from the property
Ask for proof of vaccination

Separate

Separate / isolate and observe new arrivals for 10 days
Monitor health and take rectal temperatures daily
Handle new arrivals last / use separate equipment

Management

Clean and disinfect stables, equipment and transport vehicle
Control insects and vermin
One horse, one syringe, one needle
Train staff in disease prevention and reporting procedures
Maintain property and stable security

Wash hands

ACTION

Isolate

Isolate sick and 'in-contact' horses at first sign of illness and take rectal temperatures daily
Notify a vet immediately

Hygiene

Handle sick horses last or use separate staff
Wash hands between handling horses
Use separate equipment for sick horses

Movement controls

Prevent any contact between sick and healthy horses
Refuse entry of new horses unless they can be kept in isolation
Do not send horses to race meetings, training tracks or other premises until the possibility of contagious disease is ruled out

ACTION

COMMON SENSE = HEALTHY HORSES

24 HOUR INFORMATION HELPLINES

Racing Victoria's Veterinary Services **9258 4374**

Harness Racing Victoria's Industry Liaison **9377 2286**

Department of Primary Industries

Emergency Disease Watch Hotline **1800 675 888**

For more information refer to "Horse Alert Victoria" available at www.racingvictoria.net.au and www.harness.vic.org.au/vic

