

USUALLY HORSES DON'T MEAN TO HURT YOU, WE JUST NEED TO SPEAK THEIR LANGUAGE

Let's learn a bit about safety when you're working around a horse. First, it's really important to know that in the wild, horses live in herds and are known as prey animals (hunted by predators) and flight animals (need to run away fast). So, it makes sense that horses are naturally nervous and spook easily. This is also why they see, hear, smell and act differently than we do.

Horses generally aren't mean. Mostly when they do something bad, like kicking or biting or bucking, it is in response to something that has frightened them.

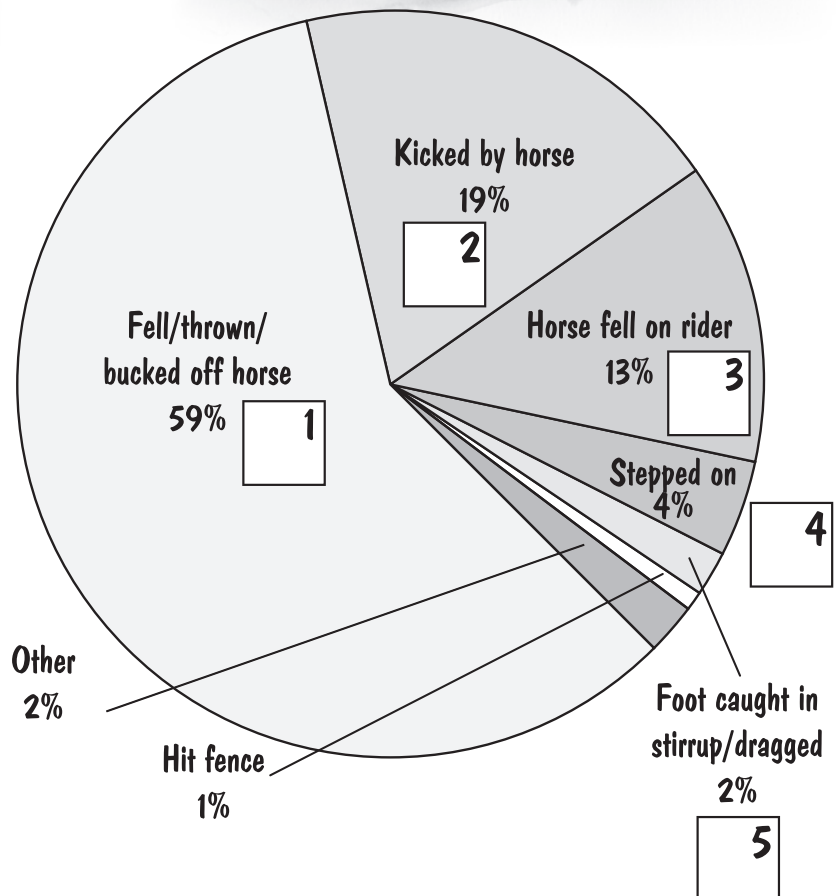
Check out how most people are injured when handling horses. Understanding horses, and how they react to the world around them, will help keep us safer."

Causes of Horse-Related Injuries



Fill in the boxes to match the safety precaution with the injury:

- A) Wear proper foot wear
- B) Learn emergency dismount
- C) Use safety stirrups
- D) Wear safety vest
- E) Don't stand behind horses



SOURCE: UK Trauma Registry, Causes of Horse-Related Patients Admitted to the University of Kentucky Chandler Hospital via Emergency Department 2005-2009

1 - B ; 2 - E ; 3 - D ; 4 - A ; 5 - C