

Paddock/Pasture Safety



Fencing

- Inspect fencing regularly.
- Repair breaks ASAP and remove any sharp protrusions.
- Consider including electric fencing.
- Always use fencing that is safe for horses!



Paddock Danger

- Inspect paddocks regularly and have a mud management plan.
- Trim trees before fallen branches cause issues.
- Avoid overstocking paddocks and mixing conflicting personalities.
- Look for foreign objects like lost shoes, rocks, sharp objects, etc.



Plant Life

- Be familiar with local poisonous plant life
- Remove poisonous plants and dispose of safely.



Wildlife

- Some wildlife carry diseases that can affect your horses.
- Groundhogs and gophers can create holes in fields.
- Check section 8.2 of the Biosecurity Standard for the Equine Sector for management tips.



Hay Feeders

- Inspect regularly for damage/sharp protrusions.
- Place feeders on even, flat ground.
- Use horse-safe hay feeders, and avoid cattle hay feeders.
- Clean away old hay.
- Remove baling twine when placing a new bale.



Water Troughs

- Ensure access to clean water 24/7.
- Do not rely on snow as a water source.
- Rivers, streams, etc., can carry harmful things downstream, so avoid access to sources like these.

