



## **RIDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACTS 1964 AND 1970**

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1. There shall be provided at all times accommodation for horses which is suitable in all respects as regards construction, size, number of occupants, lighting, ventilation, drainage and cleanliness.
2. Adequate accommodation shall be provided for forage, bedding, stable equipment and saddlery.
3. Effective measures shall be taken to prevent infestation by rodents and other vermin and to protect animal food from contamination.
4. Where horses are maintained at grass there shall be available for them at all times during which they are so maintained, adequate pasture and shelter and water and supplementary feeds shall be provided as and when necessary.
5. Horses shall be adequately supplied with suitable food, water and (except in the case of horses maintained at grass, so long as they are so maintained) bedding material and shall be adequately exercised, groomed, rested and visited at suitable intervals.
6. The feet of all horses shall be properly trimmed and if shod their shoes shall be properly fitted and in good condition.
7. Horses shall be maintained in a good state of health and in the case of a horse being kept for the purpose of its being let out on hire for riding or a horse kept for the purpose of its being used in providing instruction in riding, the horse shall be suitable for the purpose for which it is kept.
8. There shall be a sufficient number of properly maintained fire extinguishers in relation to the size of the premises. They must be of a suitable type; readily accessible and placed in a clearly marked position where they will not be affected by freezing. A simple means of raising alarm in the case of fire shall be provided at each fire extinguisher point.
9. All heating appliances must be of such construction as not to constitute a fire risk.
10. All hay, straw and similar combustible material shall be stored in such a position and in such a manner that the risk of the material becoming ignited is reduced to a minimum.
11. Smoking shall not be permitted in the accommodation for animals nor in any place used for the storage of hay, straw or similar combustible material and conspicuous notices prohibiting such smoking shall be exhibited.
12. The licensed premises shall not be overcrowded or used in such a manner as to obstruct ingress or egress in the event of fire or other emergency and any fittings which must be unfastened to release animals shall be capable of being released quickly.

13. The name, address and telephone number of the licence holder or some other responsible person shall be conspicuously displayed on the premises and instruction as to the action to be taken in the event of fire, with particular reference to the extrication of horses and the location of the nearest telephone for use in emergency shall be similarly displayed.
14. All electricity services to the accommodation for animals shall be of good standard and well maintained.
15. All reasonable precautions shall be taken to prevent and control the spread among horses of infectious or contagious disease.
16. Veterinary first aid equipment shall be provided and maintained in a suitable position on the licensed premises in accordance with the instructions of the Council's Veterinary Officer.
17. A horse found on inspection of the premises by an authorised officer to be in need of veterinary attention shall not be returned to work until the holder of the licence has obtained at his own expense and has lodged with the local authority a veterinary certificate that the horse is fit for work.
18. No horse will be let out on hire for riding or used for providing instruction in riding without supervision by a responsible person of the age of 16 years or over unless (in the case of a horse let out for hire for riding) the holder of the licence is satisfied that the hirer of the horse is competent to ride without supervision.
19. The carrying on of the business of a riding establishment shall at no time be left in the charge of any person under 16 years of age.
20. The licence holder must hold a current insurance policy which insures him against liability for any injury sustained by those who hire a horse from him for riding and those who use a horse in the course of receiving from him, in return for payment, instruction in riding and arising out of the hire or use of a horse as aforesaid and which also insures such persons in respect of any liability which may be incurred by them in respect of injury to any person caused by or arising out of the hire or use of a horse as aforesaid.
21. A register shall be kept by the licence holder of all horses in his possession aged three years and under and usually kept on the premises, which shall be available for inspection, by an authorised officer of the Council at all reasonable times.
22. Adequate sanitary conveniences and washing facilities shall be available for the staff and other persons visiting the premises.
23. A copy of these conditions shall be displayed suitably in a prominent position on the licensed premises.
24. Any change in the horses used for hire shall be notified in writing within seven days to this Council.
25. No horse aged three years or under nor any mare heavy with foal nor any mare within three months after foaling may be let out on hire for

riding or used, in return for payment, for instruction in or demonstrating riding.

26. Any riding equipment supplied for a horse let out on hire must be free from visible defect which is likely to cause suffering to the horse, or accident to the rider
27. The Electrical Installation should be inspected at least every five years in accordance with the Regulations for Electrical Installations (I.E.E. Wiring Regulations) 16th Edition, as published by the Institution of Electrical Engineers. A certificate to the effect that this has been carried out by a competent person, i.e., a person who is registered with the National Inspection Council for Electrical Installation Contracting or equivalent, should therefore be provided. This should be dated within the past five years.