



"Devils on Horseback"

Checklists

PROPERTY PREPARATION & MAINTENANCE

- Ensure the area around stables, drains, gutters and paddocks are free from a build-up of grass, leaf litter, sticks and other vegetation and rubbish.
- Keep grass around buildings and in laneways short and if possible, green.
- Store flammable goods, including hay, fuel and chemicals as far away as possible from your designated safer place for your horse.
- Maintain emergency feed supplies in case fire destroys your normal source of feed.
- Keep the 'safe' area free of manure.
- Do not store large piles of manure, especially during the warmer months. The pile could build up heat inside and start to burn.

Make sure you have an emergency evacuation kit prepared



The Do's

- ✓ Do have a Fire Plan
- ✓ Do practice and test the Plan
- ✓ Do communicate the Plan – with your family, agistees, employees, local fire authorities and you fire buddy
- ✓ Do have a fire buddy (or two) in low risk area
- ✓ Do have priority and alternative evacuation routes known and tested
- ✓ Do prepare your property, regardless of your Plan, to minimise danger from fire
- ✓ Do activate your Plan on triggers, even if risk is low
- ✓ Do have a Fire Fighting Kit
Don't use it for anything except emergencies!
- ✓ Do have an Emergency Cache
- ✓ Do have a horse and human First Aid Kit
- ✓ Do know basic horse first aid.
- ✓ Do set priorities for evacuation order of horses
- ✓ Do identify the following areas:
 - Do prepare a Horse Safe Area
 - Evacuation point
 - Alternative evacuation point

- ✓ Do ensure your horse is trained to float load-first time, ever time
- ✓ Do ensure, on high risk days, that you have an adequate tow vehicle on hand, fuelled up
- ✓ Do maintain and service your float before risk season
- ✓ Do microchip your horses
- ✓ Do register your property PIC
- ✓ Do know your horses 'resting' vital signs

The Don'ts

- Don't place horses in confined spaces
- Don't tie horses up
- Don't let horses loose onto roads
- Don't leave yard/stable gates open
- Don't ride or drive through the disaster
- Don't ignore Emergency Response directions
- Don't use synthetic tack, rugs or personal clothing
- Don't assume someone will save you
- Don't Panic!

Ideas for Fire Cache (staying on property):

- Ladder
- 30 m min pre connected garden hose + spray nozzle, preferably brass
- Fire pump and sprinkler system
- Shovels
- Rakes
- Water buckets (metal)
- Torch + batteries
- Communications (UHF, walkie talkies, spare batteries/sim and 'deployable' spare mobile phone)
- Portable radio + batteries
- Spare PPE kit

Items for Emergency Cache

- wire cutters or fencing pliers
- sharp knife
- waterproof torch
- radio + spare batteries
- container for carrying water
- tuff tubs x 2 per horse
- drinking water

- feed (vaccum packed for space savings)
- extra lead rope and halter (leather is safer during a fire) per horse
- woollen blankets/cotton rugs
- clean towels
- copy of ownership microchip numbers
- copy of pedigree / membership / insurance
- laminated copy of emergency contact list incl vet, farrier, fire buddy, agistment centre etc
- laminated copy of your Fire Plan
- laminated copy of your horses resting/normal vital signs
- leg wraps (pillow wraps and stable bandages)
- blindfolds
- pliers or nippers (to pull shoes)
- temporary fencing (tread-ins, battery powered electric fence unit, insulated gate handles, fence tester)
- mallet/hammer
- twitch/fetlock hobbles
- portable spray unit, whether battery or pump unit, for spraying down horses pre and post fire

First Aid Kit:

- roll cotton
- self-adhesive bandage (vetrap)
- gauze pads (assorted sizes)
- sterile wound dressing
- tweezers
- eye wash
- adhesive cloth tape
- duct tape
- scissors
- rectal thermometer
- surgical scrub and antiseptic solution
- wound ointment
- antiseptic spray
- soft sponges
- syringes
- non latex gloves
- stethoscope
- poultices
- soaker boot/s
- chiller pad (immersable/reusable)
- tea tree spray
- Flints
- Potties
- Prednoderma
- Derisal
- Sanitary napkins or baby nappies (large area dressings)
- Sprays are better than creams
- Stress relief pastille or drops, ie rescue remedy
- Spare plastic eye droppers