



Sunshine Horses

Helping Horses, Helping People

Policies, Procedures, and Protocols

Title: Safe Use of Machinery and Equipment	Original Date:	3/8/2021
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Purpose	To help ensure the safety of our volunteers and animals while operating machinery and equipment
Content	<p>The following rules and safety precautions shall apply to the operation of any motorized machinery and vehicles on Sunshine property. This includes and is not limited to the Sunshine truck, ATV, tractor, lawn mowers, weed whackers, snow blowers, power drills, and saws.</p> <p>As a general rule, close attention to your surroundings and awareness to the presence of horses will go a long way to avoiding accidents. Remember, some of our horses are very sensitive to noises and easily startled by sudden movements.</p> <p>Safety Precautions</p> <p>Speed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Start and stop machinery gradually. · Keep your speed at or under 5 miles per hour. <p>Forward Approach of Riders or Walkers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Approach slowly, pull over well in advance, turn off the engine. · Avoid sudden movements. · Wait until the horse has clearly passed, then ease back on your way. <p>Coming Up Behind Riders or Walkers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Stop well behind riders or walkers. · Wait for the horse to be released in the pasture or until it's safely out of range. <p>Non-Volunteers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Non-Volunteers shall NOT be allowed to ride on or operate machinery <p>Children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Children of volunteers shall NOT be allowed to ride on or operate machinery <p>Noteworthy Comments</p>



	<p>Proper personal protective equipment such as protective eye, gloves, ear protection must be worn when appropriate.</p> <p>The machinery is not for pleasure use. They are crucial pieces of equipment needed for the day to day running of the farm.</p> <p>Only volunteers who have been trained on a piece of equipment usage, attended the safety class and signed the acceptance agreement will be authorized to operate that piece of equipment.</p> <p>Team Leaders are encouraged to supervise volunteers when using machinery or farm equipment and to ensure that the volunteer has received the appropriate education prior to using it.</p>
References	