

# EQUINE SAFETY

**IT ALL BEGINS WITH SAFETY**

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SAFETY COMMITTEE

Many parts of the United States continue to experience inclement weather and natural disasters. This is a good time to make sure you have a disaster plan in place for home, stable, Pony Club meetings, and events. In the event of a disaster, there are additional challenges to taking care of our equine partners, but here are 10 key points for a disaster plan to help with that:

**1**

Have permanent and temporary identification of your horse for reunification purposes;



**2**

Keep halters and lead ropes ready and tagged with contact information;



**3**

Have medical records and proof of ownership readily accessible.



**4**

Keep your truck and trailer in good working order or arrange in advance for alternate transportation.

**5**

Make sure your horse knows how to safely load and unload from a trailer.

**6**

Identify exit routes in advance and know where your local evacuation sites are;



**7**

Have a backup plan in the event evacuation is not possible.



**8**

Share your plan with friends and neighbors and post instructions in several places for others to follow, if necessary.

**9**

Have enough feed and water for at least 72 hours, equine and human first-aid kits, and a shelter-in-place emergency kit.

**10**

Evacuate early and do not wait for mandatory evacuation orders.

