



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;



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



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Have medical records and proof of ownership readily accessible.



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

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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;



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



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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.

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Evacuate early and do not wait for mandatory evacuation orders.

