

Title	Demonstrate knowledge of plants, grasses, and trees which are potentially poisonous to horses		
Level	3	Credits	3

Purpose	People credited with this unit standard are able to: identify and describe plants, grasses, and trees which are potentially poisonous to horses, and recognise symptoms of poisoning; and describe methods of removal, avoidance, and/or treatment of potentially poisonous plants, grasses, and trees.
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Classification	Equine > Equine Care
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Available grade	Achieved
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Guidance Information

- 1 Legislation and code relevant to this unit standard includes but is not limited to:
 - Animal Welfare Act 1999;
 - Health and Safety at Work Act 2015;
 - Code of Welfare: Horses and Donkeys.
- 2 Performance of all aspects of this unit standard should comply with the *Code of Welfare: Horses and Donkeys*, available at www.mpi.govt.nz.
- 3 Definitions

Stable procedures are the documented practices and policies required within a particular workplace.

Plants include plant products such as flowers and seed (grain).

Trees include hedges and shrubs.

Outcomes and performance criteria

Outcome 1

Identify and describe plants, grasses, and trees which are potentially poisonous to horses, and recognise symptoms of poisoning.

Performance criteria

- 1.1 Identify poisonous plants and describe in terms of toxicity, appearance, occurrence, and palatability.

Range	plants must include but is not limited to – ragwort, hemlock, castor oil plant, New Zealand tutu, Mexican Devil weed, potato.
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- 1.2 Identify poisonous trees and describe in terms of toxicity, appearance, occurrence, and palatability.
- Range trees must include but is not limited to – laburnum, oleander, yew, rhododendron, cherry laurel, ivy, box, ngaio, macrocarpa, avocado.
- 1.3 Identify pasture grasses and describe in terms of the conditions favouring toxicity, appearance, occurrence, and palatability.
- Range ryegrass, paspalum.
- 1.4 Identify symptoms which could indicate poisoning in terms of visual signs and changes in behaviour of the horse.

Outcome 2

Describe methods of removal, avoidance, and/or treatment of potentially poisonous plants, grasses, and trees.

Performance criteria

- 2.1 Describe methods to remove poisonous plants, grasses and trees from the horse's environment, and disposal in a manner which does not encourage re-introduction.
- 2.2 Describe methods to prevent ingestion by the horse of poisonous plants, grasses and trees not able to be removed in accordance with stable procedures.

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Process	Version	Date	Last Date for Assessment
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Consent and Moderation Requirements (CMR) reference	0018
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This CMR can be accessed at <http://www.nzqa.govt.nz/framework/search/index.do>.

Comments on this unit standard

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