

Basic Equine Safety for Children Familiar with Horses

Approach the horse by the side while talking calmly. Never from the back or directly in front. Pat them on the neck or shoulder first.

Know your horse's temperament.

Always wear approved safety gear

- * Helmet
- * Vest
- * Closed in Boots with heel
- * Comfortable long pants

Always walk around a horse out of kicking range. Never walk under or step over the tie rope.

Walk beside a horse when you're leading it--- not ahead or behind.

Don't goof off in the saddle. The horse could shy and you might fall off!

Always ride with another responsible person or adult.

Use a correctly fitted saddle for your horse and you.

When leading the horse never tie the rope to you or wrap it around any body parts. Fold it up and hold it in your hand.

Check your gear before and after riding.

