

SAFETY

Horse Safety Australia's first priority is to help you improve the safety and quality of your horse program. Our resources are available to any member who shares our commitment to improving the safety and quality of horse riding and horse handling programs in Australia.

RESOURCES

A wide range of resources are available to Horse Safety Australia members including:

- Standards for horse activities
- Annual clinics in NSW, Qld, SA and VIC providing qualifications for instructors, trail guides, event staff and clinicians
- Links with an APRA approved insurance: Affinity Insurance Brokers
- Site accreditation
- Discounts on bulk buys of saddlery and information and advice on Standard Operating Procedures for horse activities, Horse management resources, Risk management, training and advice, and Occupational Health & Safety

HISTORY

Horse Safety Australia (formerly the Association for Horsemanship Safety and Education) has been setting standards in the Australian horse industry since 1992.

Our qualifications are recognised by the Australian Horse Industry Council and Education Departments in every State. The Statement of Attainments gained from clinics are recognised by TAFEs.

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Horse Safety Australia is actively engaged in setting and promoting standards of excellence in safety and education for those involved in all sectors of the horse industry. Specialised clinics offer recognition of prior learning, impartial assessments of instructors and nationally accepted qualifications.

Horse Safety Australia's experience and resources are a valuable asset to help you apply the best possible horse riding standards. We focus on **safety** for riders and horses, good **procedures** in managing groups and **risk management** for horse programs. We cover all disciplines: english, western, natural horsemanship, stock work and more.

Horse Safety Australia facilitates networking throughout the industry providing opportunities for like minded people to share and explore options and ideas. By offering qualifications for you and your staff and accreditation for your site, Horse Safety Australia leads the way in professional development for our industry.

Our intention is to acknowledge your background in the industry, and we can endorse your current program (if it is safe and well run) through the accreditation of your venue.

Our assessors and auditors are experienced in the horse industry. All are horse riders in their own right, and have diverse backgrounds in running horse businesses, competition, risk management, education and people and horse management.

CLINICS

Horse Safety Australia qualifications are gained through a 4 day live-in program, designed primarily for those with experience in the industry. Clinics involve a 'hands-on' process of skills recognition, and assumes a broad knowledge base in the participants. Clinics cover the following areas:

- Safety practices around horses and the supervision of others
- Risk management
- Communication skills
- The AHIC national Code of Practice for horse activities
- Nationally endorsed procedures for horse activities
- Industry Networking

QUALIFICATIONS

Horse Safety Australia qualifications are linked to the Outdoor Recreation Training Package delivered by TAFEs and private Registered Training Organisations across Australia.

The clinics provide an opportunity for participants to be assessed against the relevant units using a skills recognition process. This is carried out through practical demonstrations of skills, as well as written assessments, and seminars. Special resources are available for those with low literacy skills.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND A CLINIC?

Are you currently managing a horse riding business or just beginning as an instructor or trail guide? Clinics are a great way to:

- find out what are current acceptable practices in the industry,
- observe how to communicate riding skills
- learn the essentials of a good program
- develop a network of experienced people for support
- gain further experience in a positive learning environment

EXPERT ADVICE

Horse Safety Australia provides advice to many different groups on safety issues involving horse related activities. These include:

- the legal system
- schools/groups on where to go horseriding
- individuals and groups on running events
- risk management for all horse activities
- horse related products
- government on horse safety issues

SITE ACCREDITATION

Horse Safety Australia provides accreditation for sites involved in horse activities. This process involves a desk audit followed by a site visit and covers the areas of staff qualifications, ratios of staff to riders, venue requirements, program and risk management issues. Our accreditation covers all aspects of the Australian Horse Industry Council's Code of Practice: HorseSafe, and more.

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