

HORSE EMERGENCIES

IF YOU FIND AN INJURED RIDER

- * Make sure area is safe
- * Check if they're responsive
- * If unresponsive, call 911

IF YOU FIND A RUNAWAY HORSE

Do not try to stop a running horse!
Do not approach an unfamiliar animal!
Look for the rider nearby
Contact the forest preserve at
630-933-7200 ext. 7240 or dial 911.



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Trail Safety Around Horses

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HOW TO SAFELY SHARE THE TRAILS WITH HORSES



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TRAIL COURTESY

MUTUAL COURTESY FOR ALL

Walkers, Joggers, Bikers & Drivers

- * **O-OBSERVE** the body language
- * **A-ASK** permission to pass on the left
- * **T-TRAVEL** slow, pass with care

Remember **OAT**

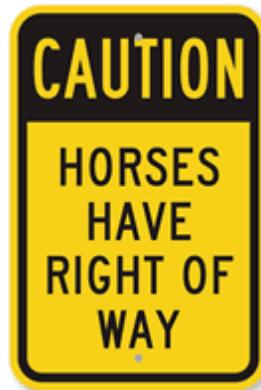


Guidelines & Etiquette

Horses are the largest most unpredictable trail user

Bikers, hikers & dogs must yield

- * Slow down
- * No loud noises
- * No abrupt moves
- * Talk calmly
- * Watch the rider
- * Pass wide on left, if safe
- * Step off the trail, if needed



HORSES ON THE ROAD

When approaching or passing

- * Reduce speed
- * Do not honk horn
- * Do not rev engine
- * Watch rider for signals
- * Pass wide, if safe or stop

AVOIDING DANGER

UNDERSTAND THE BASIC BODY LANGUAGE OF THE HORSE

- * EARS flat against their head, take caution
- * EYES if you see the whites, take caution
- * TAIL held high indicates excitement



What to do when a horse is bucking, rearing or prancing?

- * TAKE CAUTION !
- * DO NOT APPROACH !
- * STAND CLEAR !

Wait until the rider has regained control

PROCEED WITH CAUTION !