



Stryker Equine LLC Safety Rules

General Safety Policy

At Stryker Equine LLC, safety is our top priority for horses, clients, staff, volunteers, spectators, and visitors. Horses are large, unpredictable animals and participation in equine activities carries inherent risks. All individuals on property, at events, or utilizing Stryker Equine LLC services must follow all safety rules at all times.

Failure to comply with these rules may result in removal from the property, cancellation of services, or refusal of future services.

1. Required Conduct Around Horses

- Always approach horses calmly and quietly.
- No running, screaming, roughhousing, or sudden movements near horses.
- Never stand directly behind a horse.
- Ask permission before touching, feeding, handling, or entering a horse's stall or trailer.
- Children must be supervised by an adult at all times.
- No smoking, vaping, alcohol, or illegal substances around horses, barns, trailers, or hay storage areas.
- Closed-toe shoes are required around horses at all times.
- Riders and handlers should wear appropriate attire suitable for equine activities.

2. Helmet & Protective Equipment Policy

- ASTM/SEI-certified riding helmets are strongly recommended for all riders and required for minors.
- Stryker Equine LLC reserves the right to require helmet use for any rider regardless of age or experience.
- Appropriate footwear with a heel is required while riding.
- Additional protective gear such as gloves, safety vests, or protective boots may be recommended depending on activity.

3. Horse Handling Rules

- Only authorized individuals may handle horses.
- Horses must be tied using quick-release knots or safety ties when unattended.
- Never wrap lead ropes around hands, arms, or body parts.
- Horses showing signs of illness, lameness, aggression, or distress must be reported immediately.

- Do not feed treats or supplements without owner authorization.
- Maintain safe spacing between horses during handling, riding, loading, or transport.

4. Mobile Service Safety Rules

Because Stryker Equine LLC provides mobile services at client-owned facilities and off-site locations:

- Clients are responsible for providing a reasonably safe working environment.
- Work areas must be free of dangerous debris, loose dogs, hazardous footing, aggressive animals, or unsafe conditions.
- Horses must be reasonably halter-broke and safe to handle.
- Stryker Equine LLC reserves the right to refuse service if conditions are deemed unsafe.
- Owners or authorized agents must disclose any known dangerous behaviors, medical concerns, or handling issues before services begin.
- Proper restraint may be required for certain procedures.
- Dogs must remain leashed and under control at all times unless otherwise authorized.

5. Emergency Procedures

In the event of an emergency:

- Call 911 immediately if human injury is serious.
- Notify Stryker Equine LLC staff immediately of any accident or injury.
- Do not move an injured person unless necessary for immediate safety.
- Horses involved in accidents should be secured calmly and safely.
- Emergency contact and veterinarian information should remain current with Stryker Equine LLC.

6. Client Responsibility

Clients acknowledge that:

- Horses can bite, kick, rear, bolt, stumble, or behave unpredictably.
- Participation in equine activities involves inherent risks that may result in injury, death, or property damage.
- They are responsible for following all safety instructions provided by Stryker Equine LLC staff.
- They assume responsibility for minors, guests, and personal property brought onto premises or service locations.

Acknowledgment

By participating in services provided by Stryker Equine LLC, clients, riders, handlers, visitors, and guests acknowledge that they have read, understood, and agree to comply with all safety rules and policies.