**Barn Fire**

**Safety Measures:**

* Verify that all volunteers are trained in the use of Fire Extinguishers, that Fire Extinguishers are located in the appropriate and conspicuous space, and that they are inspected monthly by the Barn Manager.
* Store machinery and flammable materials well outside the barn or any area where animals may be located.
* Inspect electrical systems regularly and immediately correct any problems. Rodents can chew on electrical wiring and cause damage that quickly becomes a fire hazard.
* Keep appliances to a minimum in the barn. Use stall fans, space heaters, and radios only when someone is in the barn.
* Store only two days worth of hay in the stabling area, and make sure the hay is clean and dry before placing it in the barn. Sweep up all hay fines at each replacement.
* Prohibit smoking in or around the barn. A discarded cigarette can ignite dry bedding or hay in seconds.
* Avoid parking tractors and vehicles in or near the barn. Engine heat and backfires can spark a flame.
* Store other machinery and flammable materials outside the barn.

**Preparation:**

* Keep aisles, stall doors, and barn doors free of debris and equipment.
* Mount fire extinguishers around the stable, especially at all entrances, and have them clearly marked.
* Post emergency telephone numbers at each telephone and at each entrance. Emergency telephone numbers should include those of the President, Barn Manager, Veterinarian, emergency response, and the full address of the barn for emergency dispatch.
* Be sure the address at the entrance to the rescue is clearly visible from the main road.

**In the event of a barn fire**

* Immediately call 911 or your local emergency services.
* If the fire is small or contained, use Extinguishers or water to extinguish or prevent spread.
* Apply Extinguisher or water from an open area toward the fire source, never from the fire source to an open area which can spread flames further.
* Do not enter the barn if it is already engulfed in flames.

**If Evacuation Occurs:**

* If it is safe for you to enter the barn, evacuate animals one at a time starting with the most accessible ones.
* Never let animals loose in an area where they are able to return to the barn.
* Place a minimum of a lead rope on each horse when you open the stall door. Be aware that horses tend to run back into burning barns out of fear and confusion.
* Blindfold horses only if absolutely necessary. Many horses will balk at a blindfold, making evacuation more difficult and time consuming.
* Move them to the paddocks in front of the barn.
* Call Veterinarian for emergency exam of all exposed animals.

**Tornado**

**Safety Measures:**

* As much as possible, store all moveable debris or equipment in a secure area following daily use.
* Inspect buildings, windows, roofing, and gutters every six (6) months for safety.
* Annually assess stream, bridge, and culvert drainage for proper function, blockage, and stability.
* Maintain a 400 gallon water tank and two 65 gallon water tanks to be filled at the forecast of a hurricane to provide water in the event of temporary power outage.
* Maintain fuel powered portable generators and safety check once monthly.

**Preparation:**

* Clear outdoor areas of any unsecured machinery, supplies, and debris.
* Secure all indoor supplies well away from windows, doors, or aisle ways.
* Fill the 400 gallon and two 65 gallon water tanks.
* Fill fuel tanks of all vehicles, tractors, generator, and portable fuel tanks.
* Start all generators and chain saws and inspect for performance and safety.
* Verify two weeks of feed, hay, and medications are stocked.
* Notify volunteer staff of potential increased need.
* Remove horses from fields with trees, low areas, or other hazards.
* Post emergency telephone numbers at each telephone and at each entrance. Emergency telephone numbers should include those of the President, Barn Manager, Veterinarian, emergency response systems, and the full address of the barn for emergency dispatch.
* Be sure the address at the entrance to the rescue is clearly visible from the main road.

**In the event of a Tornado**

* Place all horses in pastures, preferably with no trees or potential debris.
* Apply duct tape tag to halter with horses name and rescue phone number.
* Document herd count of any fields prior to start of storm and immediately at end.
* Visually check each horse for injury or stress, and call Veterinarian if required.

**Evacuation:**

Consider evacuation of the farm in the most extreme case with the expectation of a devastating storm. In advance, consider sheltering at county or municipal fair grounds a safe distance away. Professional hauling services would be required.

**Hurricane**

**Safety Measures:**

* As much as possible, store all moveable debris or equipment in a secure area following daily use.
* Inspect buildings, windows, roofing, and gutters every six (6) months for safety.
* Annually assess stream, bridge, and culvert drainage for proper function, blockage, and stability.
* Maintain a 400 gallon water tank and two 65 gallon water tanks to be filled at the forecast of a hurricane to provide water in the event of temporary power outage.
* Maintain fuel powered portable generators and safety check once monthly.

**Preparation:**

* Clear outdoor areas of any unsecured machinery, supplies, and debris.
* Secure all indoor supplies well away from windows, doors, or aisle ways.
* Fill the 400 gallon and two 65 gallon water tanks.
* Fill fuel tanks of all vehicles, tractors, generator, and portable fuel tanks.
* Start all generators and chain saws and inspect for performance and safety.
* Verify two weeks of feed, hay, and medications are stocked.
* Notify volunteer staff of potential increased need.
* Remove horses from fields with trees, low areas, or other hazards.
* Post emergency telephone numbers at each telephone and at each entrance. Emergency telephone numbers should include those of the President, Barn Manager, Veterinarian, emergency response systems, and the full address of the barn for emergency dispatch.
* Be sure the address at the entrance to the rescue is clearly visible from the main road.

**In the event of a hurricane**

* Determine by forecasts of wind speeds if horses will shelter inside or outside.
* Move horses to securely fenced areas away from trees or debris.
* Apply duct tape tag to halter with horses name and rescue phone number.
* Document herd count of any fields prior to start of storm and immediately at end.
* Visually check each horse for injury or stress, and call Veterinarian if required.

**Evacuation:**

Consider evacuation of the farm in the most extreme case with the expectation of a devastating storm. In advance, consider sheltering at county or municipal fair grounds a safe distance away. Professional hauling services would be required.

**Electrical Outage**

**Safety Measures:**

* Maintain a 400 gallon water tank and two 65 gallon water tanks to be filled at the forecast of a hurricane to provide water in the event of temporary power outage.
* Maintain fuel powered portable generators and safety check once monthly.

**Preparation:**

* Fill the 400 gallon and two 65 gallon water tanks through use of generators, or at secondary location that has water service.
* Fill fuel tanks of all vehicles, tractors, generator, and portable fuel tanks.
* Start all generators and chain saws and inspect for performance and safety.
* Verify two weeks of feed, hay, and medications are stocked.
* Notify volunteer staff of potential increased need.

**In the event of an electrical outage:**

* Utilize generators to power well pumps as a primary priority, and refrigerated drugs as a secondary priority.
* Fill all available water tanks.
* In the event of generator and/or well pump failure, utilize engine pump from a natural water source or procure water from secondary locations with water service.
* Document herd count of any fields daily and monitor for appropriate water supply.
* Visually check each horse for injury or stress daily, and call Veterinarian if required.

**Evacuation:**

Need for evacuation in this event cannot be foreseen.

**Flood**

**Safety Measures:**

* Inspect buildings, windows, roofing, and gutters every six (6) months for safety.
* Annually assess stream, bridge, and culvert drainage for proper function, blockage, and stability.
* Maintain all roadways entering and exiting the rescue in good condition with adequate aggregate.
* Maintain fuel powered portable generators and safety check once monthly.

**Preparation:**

* Verify all stream crossings and drainage areas are clear of debris.
* Clear outdoor areas of any unsecured machinery, supplies, and debris.
* Secure all indoor supplies well away from windows, doors, or aisle ways.
* Fill the 400 gallon and two 65 gallon water tanks.
* Fill fuel tanks of all vehicles, tractors, generator, and portable fuel tanks.
* Start all generators and chain saws and inspect for performance and safety.
* Verify two weeks of feed, hay, and medications are stocked.
* Notify volunteer staff of potential increased need.
* Remove horses from fields with trees, low lying areas, or other hazards.
* Post emergency telephone numbers at each telephone and at each entrance. Emergency telephone numbers should include those of the President, Barn Manager, Veterinarian, emergency response systems, and the full address of the barn for emergency dispatch.
* Be sure the address at the entrance to the rescue is clearly visible from the main road.

**In the event of a flood**

* Determine by forecasts if horses will shelter inside or outside.
* Move horses to securely fenced areas away from low lying areas, trees or debris.
* Apply duct tape tag to halter with horses name and rescue phone number.
* Document herd count of any fields prior to start of storm and immediately at end.
* Visually check each horse for injury or stress, and call Veterinarian if required.

**Evacuation:**

Due to our elevation, a devastating flood would be unlikely. Consider evacuation of the farm in the most extreme case with the expectation of a devastating flood in the local area. In advance, consider sheltering at county or municipal fair grounds a safe distance away. Professional hauling services would be required.

**Earthquake**

**Safety Measures:**

* Inspect buildings, windows, roofing, and gutters every six (6) months for safety.
* Assess fence lines on a weekly for damage and hazards such as falling trees.
* Maintain a 400 gallon water tank and two 65 gallon water tanks to be filled at the forecast of a hurricane to provide water in the event of temporary power outage.
* Maintain fuel powered portable generators and safety check once monthly.

**Preparation:**

* Post emergency telephone numbers at each telephone and at each entrance. Emergency telephone numbers should include those of the President, Barn Manager, Veterinarian, emergency response systems, and the full address of the barn for emergency dispatch.
* Be sure the address and the entrance to the rescue are clearly visible from the main road.

**In the event of an earthquake:**

* Document herd count of any fields immediately at end.
* Visually check each horse for injury or stress, and call Veterinarian if required.
* Inspect all buildings and structures for damage.

**Evacuation:**

Evacuation would unlikely in this situation.