



Basic Horse Safety

Make Your Presence Known

Talk to the horse in your regular tone as you approach.

Safe Approach

A horse has limited vision and is not able to see directly in front or behind. The safest way to approach a horse is at an angle from the side.

Avoid Danger Areas

The worst place to be is directly in front of or behind a horse. The safest place to be is right behind the front shoulder.

Watch For Warning Signs

A clear sign that a horse is upset is when they lay their ears flat on the head

Avoid Surprises

Horses are prey animals and can spook easily. Running, plastic bags, items that resemble snakes and sudden movements may upset a horse.

A few more safety tips...

Avoid having food on you and your hands. If you feel nervous, take a deep breath and stay calm. Horses tend to mirror the emotions they pick up on.