Barn Safety Rules

Please be aware that the following rules have been established to provide a safe environment for students, parents, visitors, team members and horses.

➤ The barn can be a busy place. Always be aware around the horses and listen to HEC’s Team Members. They are there to help you and keep you safe.

➤ We love having visitors! However, please only enter the barn area when a Team Member is present.

➤ All children must have a parent or adult present on the property that takes responsibility for the child’s welfare.

➤ Any child under the age of 5 must be accompanied by an adult at all times.

➤ Children must be supervised by a Team Member at all times when in the barn.

➤ Only team members and borders are allowed in the paddock areas and pastures.

➤ Please get permission before opening a stall door or going into a stall.

➤ No dogs or pets allowed on the premises.

➤ There is no smoking in or around the barn or riding areas.

➤ While many of our horses are friendly, some of them like to keep to themselves. So please keep your hands to yourselves.

➤ Our horses appreciate treats, but too many can give them a tummy ache, and hand feeding can encourage a horse to nip.

➤ Please give a team member treats for the horses so they may be fed out during their grain time.

➤ All visitors must wear protective foot gear (like boots) when in the barn. Sandals and dress shoes do not give feet enough protection.

➤ Please discard gum before riding or working around the horses.

➤ Watch where you’re going! Running can cause accidents.

➤ There is no talking on cell phones or texting when working with horses or on horseback.

➤ Please keep your voices down. Horses can be frightened by loud noises.
A horse’s main defense is its hind legs. If you walk right behind the horse, it might use them!

Always use a halter and crossties when working with the horses.
Always use a halter and lead rope or bridle and reins to lead a horse.
All students must wear long pants and a boot with a heel for riding.

All riders must wear an ASTM/SEI approved safety riding helmet when riding.

There are no silly questions. Ask a Team Member if you are not sure about something.