

Extract wood and wood products using a horse

Overview

This standard is about extracting wood and wood products using a horse.

When working with machinery you need to be appropriately trained, and hold current certification where required, in line with relevant legislation.

Your work must conform to all relevant legislation and codes of practice when carrying out this work.

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Performance criteria

You must be able to:

1. assess risks associated with the site and the proposed work
2. select and implement appropriate working methods, in accordance with the assessed risks
3. select and use the appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) for the work
4. position, load and unload equipment effectively
5. ensure all equipment has been checked and is fit for purpose
6. maintain the security and safety of the horse(s) and equipment when they are on site
7. select, prepare and maintain access and egress routes in a serviceable condition
8. extract wood and wood products using a horse effectively and efficiently using agreed extraction routes
9. unload, grade and separate wood and wood products, in accordance with the specification
10. accumulate wood and wood products in the agreed area to facilitate uplift and onward dispatch
11. follow environmental good practice set by your organisation and the industry, and minimise environmental damage
12. maintain the health and safety of yourself and others at all times, in accordance with relevant legislation

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Knowledge and understanding

You need to know and understand:

1. how to identify hazards and assess risks
2. how to interpret risk assessments
3. the selection, use and care of personal protective equipment (PPE)
4. the legal requirements for checking equipment
5. emergency planning and procedures relevant to the site
6. the need to regularly check the welfare of the horse(s)
7. how to interpret product specifications and sort produce into product categories during loading
8. the capabilities and limitations of the horse(s) used, including slope limitations and the maximum safe working load
9. how to select suitable routes to extract wood and wood products using a horse
10. the implications of terrain, ground conditions, season, weather, load and timber type/condition on planning extraction routes and using a horse
11. the effect of unbalanced loads on extraction
12. why it is important to maintain the safety and security of the horse and equipment when they are on site
13. the methods of grading, stacking and handling products
14. the potential impact of your work on the environment and how this can be minimised
15. your responsibilities under relevant environmental, health and safety legislation and codes of practice



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