

## **BOULDER COUNTY HORSE SAFETY RULES**

(Revised 10/1/07)

1. Abusive treatment of horses is prohibited.
2. Riding with halters is prohibited.
3. Riding double is prohibited.
4. All horses shall be tied securely on a short 2ft. shank, with a safety knot, to an immobile object or a hitched trailer, at a safe distance from other horses. Horses may be tied to latched stall doors or walls, or they may be tied to the top rail on the north side of Barn C. Horses shall not be tied by reins.
5. Buckets shall be tied at muzzle height and hay nets tied no lower than muzzle height to prevent entanglement by the horse's feet. Remove all empty hay nets and retie as necessary.
6. Riders are required to wear riding boots and long pants while mounted. Shoes with heels, designed for riding, may be worn for practice. Boots are required for shows in under-saddle classes
7. All horses that are known to kick must be identified by a very visible red ribbon in the tail.
8. A distance of at least one horse length shall be maintained between horses whether mounted or unmounted.
9. Skateboards, bicycles, motored bikes, ATV's and unleashed dogs are discouraged at 4-H horse shows, clinics or work days. Golf carts may be driven only by licensed drivers and must carry liability insurance. Dogs that cause a disturbance will be removed.
10. Small children and/or strollers shall not be left unattended or allowed within striking distance of horses to prevent personal injury.
11. Riding in an unlighted area after dark is prohibited.
12. Riding in stall alleyways and aisles of barns is prohibited.
13. In the parking and barn areas, horses will be ridden at only a walk.
14. Helmets with harness are required at all times for jumping and gymkhana. They are encouraged for all other events.
15. Horses shall not enter or exit through the pedestrian doors of the Boulder County Indoor Arena.
16. Unattended horses are not allowed at the wash racks.
17. Bathing of horses between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. is prohibited.
18. Mounted riders shall maintain proper riding posture at all times, with reins held in the rider's hands.
19. At 4-H events, all feeds and supplements must be stored securely in an enclosed area.
20. **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND NON-MEDICAL DRUGS ARE NOT ALLOWED AT 4-H EVENTS.**

Members, parents and horse leaders must comply with safety rules and help with safety education and enforcement. Blatant disregard of the safety rules will be cause for dismissal from the Fairgrounds. All prizes and fees will be forfeited.

These rules will be posted and enforced at all sanctioned horse-related 4-H events.