

# POMP Health & Safety Statement

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Peace of Mind Ponies is committed to providing professional, safe, and reliable equine care while protecting the health, safety, and welfare of our clients, their horses, ourselves, and any third parties who may be affected by our activities.

This Health & Safety Statement outlines the principles, responsibilities, and procedures we follow to ensure a safe working environment at all times.

### 1. Statement of Intent

Peace of Mind Ponies recognises its legal and moral duty under the **Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974** and associated regulations to operate safely and responsibly.

We aim to:

- Prevent accidents, injuries, and ill health
- Promote safe working practices in all equine environments
- Identify and manage risks associated with horse handling and yard work
- Maintain high standards of professionalism and animal welfare
- Work collaboratively with clients and yard owners to uphold safety standards

Health and safety is treated as a priority in all POMP services.

### 2. Responsibilities

#### 2.1 Peace of Mind Ponies (Alex Jordan – Sole Trader)

Peace of Mind Ponies is responsible for:

- Carrying out work in a safe and competent manner
- Completing dynamic risk assessments before and during each visit
- Using appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE)
- Ensuring suitable training, qualifications, and experience for all tasks undertaken
- Maintaining valid public liability and personal accident insurance
- Refusing to undertake unsafe work where unacceptable risk is present
- Reporting hazards, near misses, or incidents to the client/yard owner where relevant

#### 2.2 Clients / Horse Owners

Clients are responsible for:

- Providing accurate and up-to-date information about their horse(s), including behaviour, health, and known risks

- Ensuring horses are suitably trained and safe to handle where possible
- Informing POMP of any changes in behaviour, injury, illness, or management
- Ensuring the yard environment is reasonably safe and compliant with yard rules
- Providing access to emergency contact details, vet and farrier information

## 2.3 Yard Owners / Managers

Where applicable, yard owners/managers are responsible for:

- Maintaining safe facilities (fencing, stable condition, lighting, access routes)
- Ensuring yard rules and emergency procedures are communicated
- Managing shared risks such as loose horses, machinery, vehicles, and visitors

## 3. Risk Assessment

Peace of Mind Ponies carries out ongoing dynamic risk assessments during every visit, considering factors such as:

- Horse temperament and behaviour
- Weather conditions
- Yard layout and surface conditions
- Presence of other horses, people, vehicles, or machinery
- Health and fitness of the horse

If a task is deemed unsafe, Peace of Mind Ponies reserves the right to **modify or decline the task** in the interest of safety.

## 4. Horse Handling & Welfare

- Horses will be handled calmly, confidently, and in accordance with best practice
- Known behavioural issues (kicking, biting, rearing, bolting, etc.) must be disclosed
- Protective equipment (e.g. gloves, hard hat) will be worn where appropriate
- Horses displaying dangerous behaviour may not be handled without prior agreement
- Welfare is paramount; no task will be undertaken that compromises horse wellbeing

## 5. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Peace of Mind Ponies uses PPE appropriate to the task, including but not limited to:

- Sturdy footwear with toe protection
- Gloves
- Riding hat (when required for handling)
- Weather-appropriate clothing

Clients acknowledge that PPE decisions are made professionally and situationally.

## 6. Equipment & Yard Facilities

- All equipment provided by Peace of Mind Ponies will be used correctly and maintained

- Client-owned equipment (wheelbarrows, tools, yard equipment) will only be used if safe and serviceable
- Faulty or unsafe equipment will not be used and may be reported to the client

## 7. Lone Working

Peace of Mind Ponies frequently operates as a lone worker.

Control measures include:

- Informing a trusted contact of work locations and schedules
- Carrying a charged mobile phone at all times
- Having emergency contact details readily available
- Refusing unsafe lone-working situations

## 8. Accident, Incident & Emergency Procedures

### 8.1 Accidents & Incidents

- Any accidents, injuries, or near misses will be recorded
- Serious incidents will be reported to the client immediately
- Medical attention will be sought where necessary

### 8.2 Emergency Situations

In the event of:

- Horse injury or illness: the named vet will be contacted
- Fire or yard emergency: yard emergency procedures will be followed
- Human injury: emergency services will be contacted if required

Clients must ensure emergency contacts and veterinary details are current.

## 9. Biosecurity & Hygiene

Peace of Mind Ponies follows good biosecurity practices to reduce the risk of disease transmission:

- Hands and equipment cleaned between yards where necessary
- Client-specific equipment used where possible
- Instructions followed for horses on box rest, quarantine, or illness

## 10. Insurance

Peace of Mind Ponies holds:

- Public Liability Insurance- KBIS
- Personal Accident Insurance- BGA Platinum

Insurance details are available upon request.

## II. Compliance & Review

This Health & Safety Statement:

- Is reviewed regularly
- Will be updated in line with legislation, industry standards, or changes to services
- Applies to all services provided by Peace of Mind Ponies

Clients engaging POMP services acknowledge and accept this Health & Safety Statement as part of the working agreement.

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