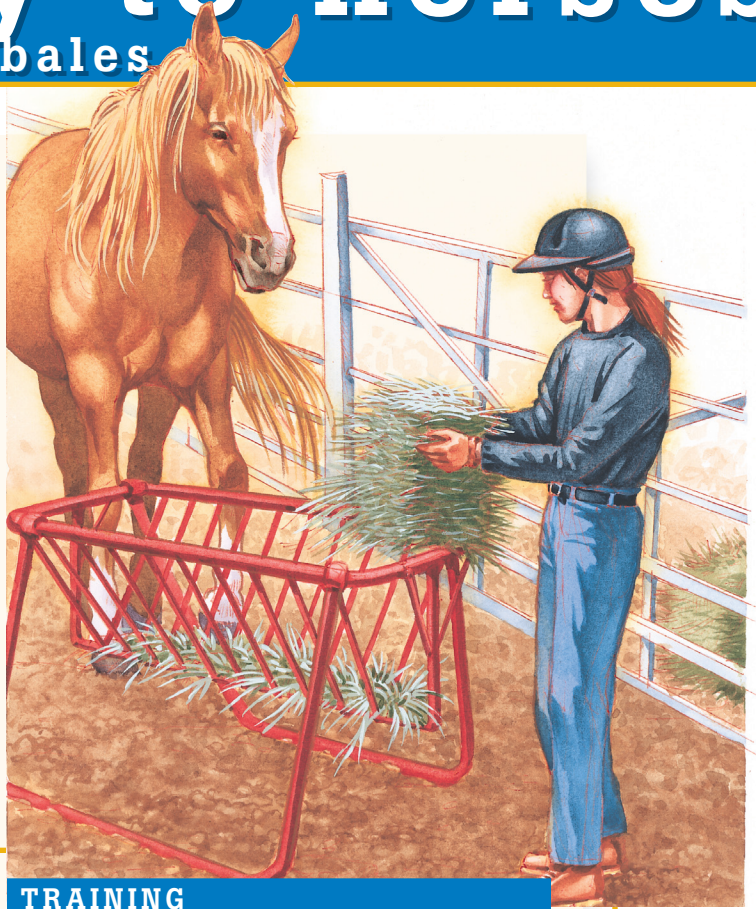


Feeding hay to horses

square bales



Adult responsibilities

ADULTS NEED TO MAKE SURE:

- Work area has no hazards
- Child knows an escape route
- Animals have no disease
- Children do NOT feed young horses, stallions and pregnant or lactating mares who behave unpredictably

Can your child do this job?

Main Hazards



Slippery/uneven surface can cause slips, trips and falls



Weight of bales can strain muscles



Animal movement, kicks and bites can cause injury

ABILITY

Can the child lift safely?
(See "Lifting")

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children must be able to lift correctly to do this job safely.

Is the child comfortable around horses?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children who are uncomfortable around horses are more likely to be injured.

Does the bale the child will lift weigh less than 10-15% of his or her body weight?

- Yes.
- No. **!** CAUTION! The child should lift the hay in smaller sections or an adult should lift the bales.

Does the child have to carry the hay less than 10-15 yards?

- Yes.
- No. **!** CAUTION! An adult should carry the hay to the feeding area.

Can the child react quickly?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Because horses behave unpredictably, children need quick reactions to avoid injury.

TRAINING

Has the child been trained on animal behavior?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children who don't understand animal behavior are more likely to be injured.

If the child is 12 or older, has he or she been trained to use cutting tools?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Training is needed to prevent injury.

Has an adult demonstrated feeding hay to horses on site?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! Children learn best when shown how to do the job at the work site.

Has the child shown he or she can do the job safely 4 to 5 times under close supervision?

- Yes.
- No. **!** CAUTION! An adult must watch constantly until the child shows he or she can do the job.

SUPERVISION

Can an adult supervise as recommended?

- Yes.
- No. **STOP** STOP! The right level of supervision is key to preventing injuries.

Remember



Non-skid soles



Respirator as needed



Leather gloves

Supervision

What's the right amount? Here are suggestions—but remember, it depends on the child.

If a barrier stands between the child and horse:

Age 10-11: **LIMIT** job to 20 minutes. **WATCH** nearly constantly at first. When the child shows he or she can do the job, **CHECK** every few minutes.

Age 12-13: **CHECK** every few minutes.

Age 14-15: **CHECK** every few minutes at first. When the child shows he or she can do the job, **LEAVE** for 15 to 30 minutes.

If feeding in an open area or corral:

Age 12-13: An adult must accompany the child and **WATCH** constantly.

Age 14-15: **WATCH** constantly at first. Then **CHECK** every few minutes, depending on the number of animals and size of feeding area.

Age 16+: When the child shows he or she can do the job, **LEAVE** for 15 to 30 minutes.