# Horse Venue Biosecurity Planning Checklist

SECURE YOU VENUE – SECURE YOUR FUTURE

A biosecurity plan will allow venues to identify threats to horse health and manage the potential risks of disease spread. During typical operations of a horse venue, people (for example, event organisers, service providers, competitors, and attendees) and animals will move on and off the venue site. This presents as a potential pathway for disease agents to enter, circulate within, or leave the venue. Completing this checklist will help you work through basic biosecurity and take a proactive step toward safeguarding your venue and horses against the spread of disease.

To work through the checklist, tick Y for the practices you currently do, N for those you don’t and N/A for those that don’t apply to your current situation. Note it is recommended to review your plan whenever your biosecurity risks change.

For more information and to assist your biosecurity planning, refer to the [National Horse Venue Biosecurity Workbook](https://www.farmbiosecurity.com.au/industry/horses/). All venues should have a biosecurity plan in place.

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| **Horses and other livestock** | **Y** | **N** | **N/A** |
| 1. The health status of horses resided at and travelling to the venue is known. |  |  |  |
| 1. Horses are fit for travel to and from the venue  * Attendees should be made aware that any horses showing signs of illness must not be allowed to travel to the venue. |  |  |  |
| 1. Horse movement is managed to minimise transfer of disease on, off and within the venue. |  |  |  |
| 1. The health status of other livestock (if part of the event) is considered. |  |  |  |
| 1. Sick or suspect horses are separated, and a veterinarian notified. |  |  |  |
| 1. The address and / or PIC are known for the point of origin and return of ALL attending horses (and any other livestock) to the venue. |  |  |  |
| **Vehicles, Equipment, Feed and Bedding** | **Y** | **N** | **N/A** |
| 1. Vehicles, equipment, feed and bedding movement onto, within and leaving the venue is managed to prevent the transfer of disease. Some venues may require attending horse owners take home all waste feed and manure. |  |  |  |
| **People** | **Y** | **N** | **N/A** |
| 1. People coming onto the venue, moving within and leaving the venue are managed to minimise disease transfer. |  |  |  |
| **Venue design** | **Y** | **N** | **N/A** |
| 9. Venue design facilitates horse health (biosecurity) practices for general operations. Some biosecurity considerations include:   * Isolation areas for sick horses are provided * There are few entry points to manage and monitor horse access, as well as designated travel corridors and parking areas for vehicles, floats, farm bikes and other traffic * Avoid providing communal water troughs and feed containers * Separating horses entering the venue for events from resident horses and their equipment, including feed and water containers. |  |  |  |
| **Pests, waste and stock disposal** | **Y** | **N** | **N/A** |
| 10. Waste management movement, collection and storage practices minimise disease transfer – including water. |  |  |  |
| 11. Pest animals and vermin are identified, and a control program put in place. |  |  |  |
| 12. A plan exists for the disposal of deceased horses. |  |  |  |
| **Record keeping** | **Y** | **N** | **N/A** |
| 13. Records for the venue are up to date. |  |  |  |
| **Training of venue workers and volunteers** | **Y** | **N** | **N/A** |
| 14. Training records of venue personnel are kept. |  |  |  |
| **Information provision** | **Y** | **N** | **N/A** |
| 15. Information is provided to participants on venue horse health practices. |  |  |  |

**Venue / event details:**

Checklist completed by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date of completion \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Venue Name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Event name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Property owner’s name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Mobile number\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Venue / event manager’s name \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Mobile number\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Venue PIC (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Venue purpose (tick all relevant boxes)**

Pony club , riding school , training facility , racing facility , agistment , breeding operation , event venue , showgrounds , public property , private property , other (list)  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Horse housing (tick all relevant boxes)**

Stalls , day yards , stables , private paddocks , communal paddocks , other (list)  \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Animal inventory (list in space provided)**

Horse inventory (horses expected to be on the venue at any given time or during an event)

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Other livestock on the property (cattle, sheep, avian species etc.)

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**My top three identified biosecurity priorities**

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**Next plan review date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**