

Road Sense

Please be aware that riders, horse-drawn vehicles, and motorists have equal rights and responsibilities on the road.



The California Vehicle Code (CVC 21759) requires all motor vehicles and bicycles to slow down, yield to horses and look to the rider for direction.



Equestrians should maintain a courteous demeanor towards motorists.

Horse-drawn vehicles are required to display a “slow moving vehicle” triangle.



Trail Sense

Riders, please:

- Do not ride muddy trails
- Do not cut switchbacks
- Do not ride fast around blind corners
- Slow to a walk when passing other trail users
- Greet other trail users politely
- Do not leave manure in the parking lot
- Leave gates open or closed, as you find them
- Ride only horse-permitted trails
- If you carry it in, carry it out
- Respect seasonal trail closures



More Trail Sense

How other trail users should respond to horses:

- Stop at least 30 feet from the horse
- Speak to the horse and rider
- Follow the horseback rider's instructions or ask for instruction on how to pass safely.
- Pass slowly and steadily, but only after the horseback rider gives you the go-ahead
- All trail users yield to horses

What does “YIELD” mean?

Yield means slow down, establish communication, be prepared to stop if necessary, and pass in a safe and friendly manner

Safety Sense

Be Prepared to Ride & Drive:

- Helmets are encouraged especially for kids
- Let others know:
 - Where you are going
 - Where you will park
 - The route you plan on taking
 - When you expect to return
- Ride with others – it is fun and safe
- Carry an up-to-date map
- Carry essentials on your person i.e. cellphone, keys, identification, whistle, medications, etc.
- Carry water
- For early evening outings, take a jacket, flashlight, and reflective gear
- Other recommended items for longer rides
 - Pocket knife
 - Hoof pick
 - Twine
 - Rain gear
 - Energy bar
 - Basic first aid

Trailer Sense

- Make sure your truck is in good running condition
- Check tire pressure of truck and trailer
- Check keeper pin on hitch
- Check safety chains
- Check all lights
- Secure your truck and trailer before leaving
- Annually check trailer floor boards, hitch mechanism, and service wheel bearings

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