

If where you are isn't safe for you, it isn't safe for your animals. Think first about the basics for your animals – food, water and warmth.

Think about having two Emergency Survival Kits for your pets:



Home Kit – contains everything you may need to stay at home in shelter for up to three days.

Evacuation Kit – more portable and lightweight for when you need to leave quickly.

Emergency Plan for Equines and Smaller Holder Livestock



See overleaf for a checklist of recommended contents

Safe Shelter Places



If you need to evacuate, you may also need to think about moving your animals to a safe place. You can improve their chance of survival by having a safer area to move them to in an emergency event.

Safe Paddock: Plan with a family member, friend or paddock owner (who doesn't live with you) to care for your livestock/horses if you can't. Remember you will need to prepare a plan to prepare a report or notification for the movement of sheep, goats, cattle or pigs.

Financial support and advice

Check, where necessary, that your insurance records are up to date. Store a copy of the documentation in your Emergency Survival Kit.

Have a practice run

- Practice getting your animals to the designated safe place.
- See how quickly you can evacuate and practice it from time to time to see if you can make improvements (remember to try it in the dark, helpful if the emergency event happens at night and there's a power cut)



Emergency Items

- ☐ **Food:** Store at least five days of feed somewhere dry e.g. silage, hay, pellets.
- ☐ **Water:** Store at least five days of water, additional to your family needs. Animals can drink more water than usual when stressed.
- ☐ **Medicines:** Store any extra medical supplies and special dietary needs or supplements in a waterproof container.
- ☐ **Veterinary/medical records:** Store copies of any medical and vaccination records in a waterproof container. Include your vet's name and phone number.
- ☐ **First Aid Kit:** In addition to your family needs.



Identification

- ☐ **ID tag:** Add an ID tag to your headcollars that clearly shows your name, phone number and your address. Include a backup in your Emergency Survival Kit.
- ☐ **Movement Records:** If you keep sheep, goats, cattle or pigs you will need to maintain records of movement together with your flock/herd mark and County Parish Holding (if you own land).
- ☐ **Microchipped:** Make sure your horse is microchipped.
- ☐ **Passport:** Ensure a copy of your horse passport is kept with your emergency survival kit.
- ☐ **Save information online:** For easy access from wherever you are, save all your important information online e.g. mobile phone or web/email.



Equipment

- ☐ **Leadrope/headcollar:** And any other equipment that would help you move your horses in an emergency evacuation
- ☐ **Cage/carrier:** For safe transportation and to prevent your animals from escaping.