

GENERAL BARN GUIDELINES

- Be calm, organized and patient at all times.
- If an update needs to be given the day you are expected at the barn, contact the barn directly at 519-986-1247. All other non-urgent queries are to be sent to volunteer@hopehavencentre.org. We kindly ask that no text messages to any staff's cell phones be sent due to confidentiality reasons as well as a high chance of missing it.
- Participants must wear properly fitted approved riding helmets (ATSM) with chin strap securely fastened at all times while in barn and arena
- Only those involved in mounting the participant should be in the mounting block area: instructor, assistant, leaders and sidewalkers.
- Maximum 4 horses in the arena at one time
- When passing while riding in opposite directions pass left-to-left. If getting too close to the horse in front of you, circle away or across the arena instead of passing on the inside.
- Slower riders use the inside track.
- Leave 2-3 horse length between horses at all times
- Doors must be closed before mounting; no one to enter while mounting is taking place.
- When entering or leaving the arena, call out 'Door' and wait to make sure it is safe to enter or exit.
- Keep tack room and common areas clean
- Always wear close toed shoes and avoid baggy clothing. Tie back long hair.
- Tie horses in designated areas using only cross ties
- Horses to be attended at all times
- Report any tack in poor condition to the instructor on duty
- Always attach cross ties to the halter only
- Turn off lights when rooms are not in use. Keep tack and viewing room doors closed as they are heated areas
- No dogs allowed on property, with the exception of approved working dogs
- No smoking on premises