

# BARN FIRE SAFETY TIPS

## The Ontario Horse Racing Industry Fire Prevention Program

Fire safety and prevention is a serious issue for the horse industry, affecting the well-being of beloved horses and the livelihood of thousands of people. Racetracks and horsepeople are working together to ensure that the highest fire safety precautions are in place and practiced at all backstretches.

### **Zero Tolerance On Smoking**

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No smoking in the barn or paddock area. No smoking within 10 feet of a barn, paddock or storage container holding combustible products. Use designated smoking areas with proper disposal receptacles outside the 10 foot "No smoking" perimeter.

### **Backstretch Best Practices**

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Remove combustible materials including straw, hay or wood shavings in the shedrow or barn. Permit only a one-day supply of feed in barns.

Remove combustible and flammable liquids except small quantities for medicinal purposes (rubbing alcohol) from barns.

Remove all portable heating, cooking and lighting appliances using open flames such as propane BBQs and kerosene lamps.

Remove all electrical appliances and multiple extension cords in barn areas unless they are the "outdoor" type approved by the CSA, UCL or CUL.

Remove all trash to containers outside of barns daily. If necessary in barns, use garbage containers constructed of non-combustible material with self-closing lids.

Remove obstructions to barn exits where possible at all times.

Remove unlicensed personnel from the backstretch area.

### **Barn Management Best Practices**

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Post your barn's emergency procedures from your fire safety plan.

Post fire alarm and extinguisher locations.

Post your evacuation plan for all to review.

Conduct annual evacuation drills.

Conduct annual inspections.

Conduct annual fire training on procedures and use of fire extinguishers and other fire suppression equipment.

**These fire safety prevention best practices have been adapted from the Office of the Fire Marshal "Guidelines for Fire Safety in Facilities Housing Racehorses at Racetracks".**

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