

Holy Spirit Farm and Horse Sanctuary

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Disaster Plan and Actions

In the event of an emergency or disaster, Holy Spirit Farm and Horse Sanctuary has prepared and trained based on the plans outlined below. Each plan follows a set of baseline steps and actions and vary in later steps dependent on the disaster type. Of the possible disasters, the most common types to plague Pennsylvania and barns as a whole have been included. Regardless of the disaster or emergency, all personnel and volunteers have been briefed on the following actions, and have been instructed to act on them explicitly.

Human Injury

In the event of the injury of a human, the following actions will be taken to secure safety and health.

1. Assessment

- a. All injured parties will be assessed to determine the severity of an injury – meaning, if it can be solved with first aid components or if further help is necessary.
- b. Emergency services will be called immediately for the following injuries:
 - i. Sudden and severe trauma – can include but are not limited to the below
 1. Can include blood loss
 2. Head/Chest trauma
 3. Any Tier 3 or lower (1 or 3) injury
 - ii. Unconsciousness
 - iii. Severe and sudden allergic reaction

2. Actions

- a. If able to be handled with a standard first aid kit (minor cuts, scrapes, or bruises, headaches, insect bite/sting, etc.), first aid will be administered by a Holy Spirit Farm staff member.
- b. If not able to be handled with a standard first aid, emergency services will be called for the above listed injuries (Paragraph 1, Section B).
- c. If necessary, CPR will be performed **ONLY** by those certified.

3. Horse is loose due to human's injury

- a. In the event of a loose horse due to an injury of their handler, their safety and security will come second to the injured person.
- b. Upon ensuring the safety of the handler, the horse will be captured by Holy Spirit Farm personnel.

Barn Fire

In the event of a barn fire, the following actions will be taken to secure safety, health, and the maximum number of survivors.

1. During the fire
 - a. Horses will be led with extra halters and lead ropes located in the supply shed. If conditions are deemed too dangerous and the horse is unable to be handled safely, handlers are encouraged to herd the horses into the riding ring located centrally between the two barns.
 - b. If unable to access the spare halters and lead ropes, horses are to be herded into the riding ring.
 - c. After the horses have been secured in the ring, they will be assessed for injuries. Any horse with major burns will be taken to Mid-Atlantic Equine Center or New Bolton for treatment.
 - d. All of those with minor injuries will be treated accordingly (a first aid kit will be located in both barns, in addition to the supply shed) and moved to alternate fields around the farm with run-sheds.

2. After the fire
 - a. In the event of both barns having burned, or, in the event of too few run-in sheds available for the number of misplaced horses, horses will be moved to neighboring farms (located on Heffner Road and Wooltown Road).
 - b. Once the horses have been cared for, renovations and restocking will begin.

Flooding

In the event of severe flooding, the following actions will be taken to secure the safety of the horses.

1. The property will be assessed for dry areas and conditions that the horses can be moved to.
2. If there are no dry areas for the horses to move to, horses will be moved to other local farms (mentioned above) until dry and safe conditions can be secured for them to live in.

Straight-line Winds or Tornados

In the event of severe straight-line winds or a tornado, the following actions will be taken to secure the safety of the horses.

1. Tornados
 - a. In the event of a sudden tornado, the horses will be released to be given the best chance of survival. Halters with the barn phone number and address will be attached to each one if there is a tornado warning in the area.
 - b. In the event of several tornados touching down within the area, the horses will be moved to one or both partner farms.

2. Straight-line winds
 - a. In the event of straight line winds, all horses will be quickly secured inside the barns with all doors and windows barred.
 - b. Following the winds, damage will be assessed and the horses moved around accordingly.