* The client should have the horse prepared, all feet should be readily surrendered when lifted and held for trimming and/or shoeing.
* Know your escape route prior to entering a pen or corral.
* Maintain control of the horse, tie or wrap in safe solid location to suitable securing post or similar
* Ensure area you will be handling the horse in is free of debris or distractions
* Scan and clear the pathway from the pen to the work area for objects that can cause a slip trip or fall, injure you or the horse, be a distraction
* Remove problem dogs, ask client to keep children away, stop work if children are in and around your work area and may be hurt or cause distraction to you or horse.
* Never use a damaged or inadequate lead or halter
* You may need to refuse to work with a horse that the owner has not prepared for handling of feet, trimming or shoeing. Discuss with client if the horse is not ready for work.
* Never wrap the lead around your hand, bunch the lead rather than place hand through a circled loop of lead. Never secure the horse to your person or a movable object
* Inspect hitching rails and similar prior to tying or wrapping the horse

**Personal Protective Equipment:**

* Adequate and approved footwear

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