* This is physical work, maintain fitness to be able to perform this task
* Stretch prior to capturing, approaching, or retrieving the horse.
* Take micro breaks, when standing or moving with horses’ foot firmly and safely position on ground or stand incorporate stretches into your movement.
* Stay hydrated, even in cold weather consume adequate water.
* If horse is pulling away from you or elsewise demonstrates that it has not been prepared for you to safely work with it:
  + Do not work with the horse until satisfied that you can control the horse and accomplish the work safely
  + Have the owner help you
  + Have the owner observe the behavior
  + Direct the owner to condition the horse and call you when this has been done
* Position your stand, caddy and tools to avoid awkward twists or turns to retrieve or obtain a tool
* Know when to let go of the foot. While seeking to train, manage and control the horse to accomplish the task do not overextend yourself and cause injury.
* Utilize appropriate PPE

**Personal Protective Equipment:**

* Gloves, for use when appropriate and able
* Appropriate footwear
* Farrier chaps or chinks
* Safety glasses

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