

Equine Toxins

Do you know what's lurking on your farm? Horses, all equines, are curious creatures and they have a unique way of getting into trouble. We're here to help you stay up-to-date on the most common toxic exposures, and keep your horses safe!



top five equine toxins

1. Insecticides

There are many insecticides used on equines and in the environment.

From fly sprays to ant granules, always make sure to follow label instructions and cut off access to these products.

2. Supplements

Many people give their equine friends nutritional supplements for hoof health, joint health or other reasons. To help in administration, these supplements can be quite tasty, meaning horses may eat the entire container if left close by so please be cautious with them.

3. Lawn and Garden Products

Always make sure to follow label directions if using herbicides or soil enhancements near equines.

4. Rodenticides

Many rat and mouse killers are grain based making them irresistible for horses.

Keep track of what rodenticides you use, and cut off access to these products as much as possible.

5. Veterinary Products

Oral dosing syringes can slip and overdoses do occur.

Always check doses before giving any of your horses medication.

In addition to our top 5 toxins, there are various poisonous plants that can cause harm to horses. For a full list of toxic plants and more information on animal toxins, please visit our website at

www.asPCA.org/poison



Information Source: ASPCA Animal Poison Control Center

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