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## **NOTICE TO INDUSTRY**

### **LEADING HORSES**

HRNSW Stewards are becoming increasingly concerned with the number of licensees leading horses without a rearing bit in the horse's mouth. Trainers are given notice this practice contravenes the Australian Harness Racing Rules (AHRR).

AHRR 220 states:

**220.** *A person shall not lead a horse at a racecourse other than by way of a lead attached to a rearing bit in the horse's mouth.*

HRNSW Penalty Guidelines provide for a fine of \$25 for each horse being led without a rearing bit in the horse's mouth. Repeated offending of the Rules may result in more severe penalties being applied.

Trainers are also alerted that leading more than two horses at any time is regarded as an unsafe practice.

Trainers and other licensed persons are given notice that the Stewards hereby provide a direction "that no person shall lead more than two horses at any time on any racecourse".

This direction shall take effect immediately. Any person found to have not applied with this direction shall be considered to have failed to comply with a direction of the Stewards in contravention of AHRR 238 which states; "*A person shall not fail to comply with any order, direction or requirement of the Controlling Body or the Stewards relating to harness racing or to the harness racing industry*".

Trainers are alerted to their responsibilities under NSW Government Workplace Legislation - Work Health and Safety Act 2011 No 10 - to ensure employees act safely and operate within a safe workplace.

If you require any further information please contact HRNSW on (02) 9722 6600.

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