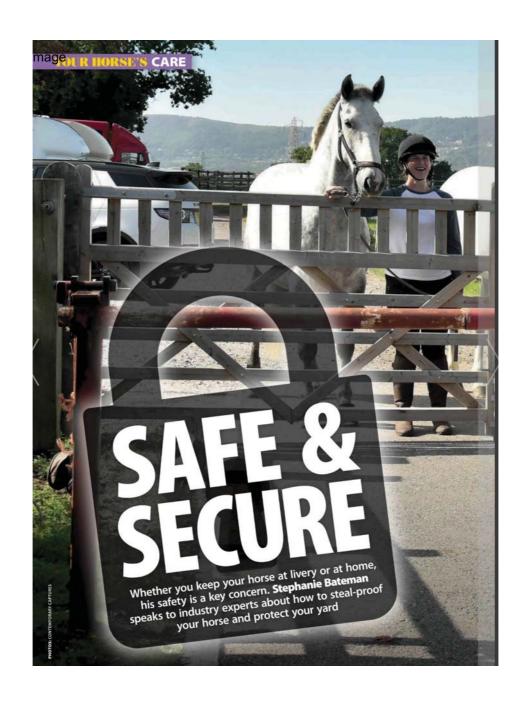
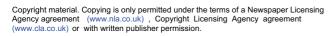
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YOUR HORSE'S CARE

Microchipping deadline

New legislation to help tackle abuse and improve animal welfare came into effect in June 2018. It states that all horses, in June 2018. It states that all horses, ponies, donkeys and mules in England, Wales and Scotland need to be microchipped, regardless of their age. (Previous legislation only covered animals born since 2009.) Microchipping means

born since 2003) Microchipping means that lost or stolen equines can be reunited with their owners more easily.

Once your horse is microchipped, immediately update your Passport Issuing Organisation (PIO) with the microchip number and they will upload the data to the Central Equine Database (CED). By accessing the CED you can:

Check your horse's passport details

Quickly report your horse missing

■ Check if a horse is legally for sale

The CED will also allow local authorities
and police to track down the owners of
dumped equines. It's important to check
that your equine has a microchip AND
that this microchip is recorded on the
CED. You can check your horse's
microchip at equipmensister could. microchip at equineregister.co.uk.

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The microchipping deadline varies
according to where you live:
England — 1 October 2020
Wales — 12 February 2021
Scotland — 28 March 2021
Microchips must be implanted by a
qualified veterinary surgeon. Failure to
comply by the deadline is an offence and
could result in a fine. Don't be caught out
— act now!



IS YOUR TACK SAFE?

SECURITY CHECKLIST

How many of these are in place at your yard?

- Have locks and cameras on gates at every access point.
- Locks, cameras and alarms are vital for tackrooms too.
- Check your locks and camera positions meet your insurer's requirements.
- Snap up-to-date photos of your horse regularly, especially as the season (and therefore his coat) changes, for identification purposes.
- Ensure your horse is microchipped (this is required by law) and that ownership details are kept updated so he can be traced if he goes missing and is found.
- ☐ Install fire alarms several if necessary.
- Have a clear fire and evacuation procedure in place. Ensure everyone is aware of it and practise drills regularly.
- Consider security lights so that thieves can't work under the cover of darkness.



- Park lorries and trailers out of sight of the road if you can and use heavy duty locks.
- If lots of people access your yard, enforce a 'last out locks up and shuts the gate' policy.
- Keep a list of who is visiting when (farriers, vets, trainers etc) so that any unexpected guests are easily recognisable.
- If you're going away (on holiday, for example) and the yard will be unmanned, avoid alerting people to this via social media posts.





