



# Good NEIGHbours Hack for Horse Owners

## Do you need a Good NEIGHbour?

Relocating horses during an emergency takes time. It can also threaten everyone's safety, especially during the chaos of an unfolding, dangerous situation.

So that's where having a *Good NEIGHbour* can make all the difference!

It's as simple as establishing an arrangement with someone that has a paddock or agistment, outside your local area, that will be safe for you to take your animals to ahead of an emergency.

You might find a *Good NEIGHbour* amongst your friends with acreage, within your own pony club, riding and training group, breed club, or throughout your district.

Having a pre-arrangement means you can relocate your horse during periods when your property may be at risk, but not impacted. It will also make it easier to handle and transport your horse, giving you one less thing to worry about!

You simply contact your *Good NEIGHbour* and arrange with them that you will be moving your animals to their property. This can be several days ahead of a fire, flood or other emergency.

## Step 1 – Identify a safer place to relocate to

Identify a friend or someone you know (it could be through a pony club, riding group, agricultural society etc) that has room for your animals.

**Remember when moving animals always consider biosecurity and health implications.**

## Step 2 – Make an arrangement

Ask them if it's ok for them to be your *Good NEIGHbour* – offer them the same too, so you have a mutual agreement on helping each other out. Their area may be a safe place to be in a bushfire, and yours may be safer in a flood.

## Step 3 – Confirm details

Swap contact details with your *Good NEIGHbour* including addresses and a phone number that is available 24/7, plus any important access details such as instructions for padlocked gates etc.

## Step 4 – Do a test run

Where possible, do a test run with each other. This will help you understand the time it takes, the number of routes available, and identify any potential issues ahead of an emergency.

## Step 5 – Always leave early


In an emergency, always leave early and go to your *Good NEIGHbour's* place.





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