

# Burnaby Horsemen’s Association Policy: **Loft Safety Policy**

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## Applicability

This policy outlines the requirements to keep lofts safe with respect to electrical hazards and outlines rodent management requirements that must be adhered to in order to reduce the number of rodents in the barn lofts.

## Policy

Electrical hazards must be minimized for the safety of people, horses and structures. All automatic feed timers and all lighting must be maintained to minimize the risk of fire. If solenoids are not covered, there is a small risk of fire at all times. Even a small, exposed wire can cause a fire. When the electrons move through the live wire they can jump and produce sparks; if a small piece of hay or other debris comes into contact with an exposed wire, a fire could occur. Options such as battery or magnet powered automatic feed systems further reduce the risk of fire and are great alternatives to solenoid systems.

All automatic mechanical feed timers and lights must:

- 1) be constructed so that no hay, dust or debris can contact the solenoids (if used) or the wire connecting to the solenoid.
- 2) all solenoids must be covered and enclosed in a metal box. (Metal pans/dishes are not acceptable to be used as covers and wooden or plastic boxes are also not acceptable)
- 3) All electrical cords must be in good working condition and outdoor rated and should be short enough or tied up so that they do not drag on the ground.

No appliances (microwaves, heaters, fans etc.) other than lights and automatic feeders are permitted in the lofts.

Rodents can cause issues with respect to the health and safety of people and can contribute to increased fire risk in a barn environment. In order to reduce the number of rodents in the lofts the following points must be adhered to:

- 1) Wood pallets are not permitted for use in any loft. Wood pallets provide space for rodents to nest and hide and are not permitted for use.
- 2) ALL horse grain, treats, apples, carrots, pellets and non-mineral supplements must be kept in metal storage containers. No plastic bins or buckets are permitted for use.
- 3) Sweep up loose hay daily.
- 4) Removal all garbage/debris from lofts to reduce areas for rodents to nest and hide.

## Supporting Documents

## Review Schedule

<b>Policy Adopted:</b>	March 2023
<b>Policy Owner:</b>	Directors of Risk Management and Stalls

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