

# INFORMATION SHEET

## **Research Topic: Investigating Workplace Health and Safety as a framework to reduce horse-related human injuries and fatalities in a work and non-work environment**

### About the survey

The purpose of this research project is to find out if human beliefs, values and knowledge about safety when interacting with horses; drives human risk perceptions, risk behaviour and safety-first choices. The procedure involves the completion of an online survey that will take approximately 15 to 20 minutes. The questions will be relevant to sections 1 & 2) questions specifically related to general and horse associated risks, perceptions, values and beliefs about safety, 3) safety questions about prioritization of activities during horse-human interactions, including your type of horse interaction, 4) horse-related human injury and illness, 5) your age, gender, demographics and your level and hours of horse experience/interaction. Your responses will be anonymous and we do not collect identifying information such as your name, email address or IP address.

### Data collection and Results

All data is stored in a password protected electronic format and will be securely stored for five (5) years after the publication date of the last publication based upon the data in accordance with the CQUniversity policy. To help protect your confidentiality, the surveys will not contain information that will personally identify you.

The results of this study will be used for scholarly research purposes only and may be published. You can request a 'plain English summary' of results for this research at the end of the survey where a link will be listed so you can provide your email or postal address.

### General Information

Your participation in this research survey is voluntary. You may withdraw at any time prior to completing the survey simply by closing the survey window. If you wish to withdraw after completing the survey, the information you have already provided cannot be deleted. This is because we will not be collecting any identifiable information from you and therefore, will not be able to identify your information.

If you feel upset at any time during the survey please contact Lifeline – [www.lifeline.org.au](http://www.lifeline.org.au), telephone 13 11 14. Lifeline is a free, 24-hour telephone and online crisis support service.

### Ethics & Contact Details

This project has received ethical clearance from the CQUniversity Human Research Ethics Committee, approval number H17/02-026, and is being undertaken by PhD Candidate Meredith Chapman. If you have any further questions about this project, or you wish to find out more detail regarding this project, you are welcome to contact the researchers below:

Meredith Chapman. Email: [m.j.chapman@cqu.edu.au](mailto:m.j.chapman@cqu.edu.au)

(WHS Advisor/Master-Safety Science/Rehabilitation Counsellor/Accident Investigation)

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Associate Professor Matthew Thomas. Email: [matthew.thomas@cqu.edu.au](mailto:matthew.thomas@cqu.edu.au)

(Principal Supervisor & Deputy Director, CQUni Appleton Institute)

### Concerns / Complaints

Should there be any concerns about the nature and/or conduct of this research project please contact: CQUniversity's Office of Research Tel: 07 4923 2603 or E-mail: [ethics@cqu.edu.au](mailto:ethics@cqu.edu.au)

Mailing address: Building 32, CQUniversity, Rockhampton QLD 4702.

**ELECTRONIC CONSENT:**

Clicking on the “agree” button below indicates that:

- You have read the above information
- You voluntarily agree to participate; and
- You give your consent for the data you provide in the following survey to be used for the research purpose described above.

Action directed to Survey 2.

Thank you for your time and participation in completing the previous survey. You have provided critical information about the way you see and interpret potential risk and harm with horses and safety.

Your responses will not be linked to the survey you have just completed.

1. If you would like to receive a plain English summary of the results of this research project, please enter your email address below.

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

2. If you would like to participate in further research relevant to this PhD research topic please enter your email and /or phone details below.