

HOW TO LESSEN INADVERTENT DRUG EXPOSURES IN YOUR BARN

LIMIT ACCESS

Lock and secure medications to reduce the chances someone will accidentally give a dose they shouldn't

Choose one or two dedicated people to be responsible for medicating horses

Keep a medication logbook for the barn and for each horse (and note medication batch numbers when possible)

BE MINDFUL OF FEED TIME

Label each feed bucket and use it only for the labeled horse

Clean out coffee grinders or pill crushers between individual uses or dedicate specific equipment to mixing or crushing frequently-used drugs

Feed mares receiving altrenogest (Regumate®) last

Wash hands after handling medication

Encourage employees to communicate about their own topical medication use

GOOD BARN HYGIENE CAN HELP

Thoroughly clean stalls upon arrival to a show and daily afterward

Don't use stalls or trailers as human restrooms

Don't share bits or equipment between horses

Don't fill water buckets by submerging the hose

All of these are also good biosecurity practices!



DOGS CAN POSE RISKS

Don't put dogs in stalls that hold horses

Dogs can be fomites for disease if moving from one stall or one horse to another

Don't allow dogs to eliminate near horses, as this can also expose the horse to a prohibited substance