



## TACK AND EQUIPMENT

**The security of your tack is very important, whether it is at your yard, at a show, in a vehicle or where you store it when not in use.**

**As well as being expensive, many items can be specific to your horse and would be hard to replace such as carriages, traps or tack items specifically made or adapted to fit your horse.**

**Rugs and other equipment are all important items and you will have worked hard to purchase, so keeping these items safe is essential.**

- Marking your tack and equipment allows you to have a way of identifying your property and prove to the police that it belongs to you. It will also help deter thieves from stealing it.
- Mark your property visibly where possible:
  - ❖ Tack items can be stamped and items such as synthetic saddles and stirrups can be engraved.
  - ❖ Rugs all look very similar so it is important to mark them so you can identify by completing the inside label if provided and/or mark on the outside which can be done with stitching, permanent marker pen, epoxy paint, transfers, labels, etc.
  - ❖ You can also invisibly mark your tack and equipment with the use of chemical solutions such as Smartwater, Selecta DNA, etc. With leather, put the solution in any thread where it has been stitched. It is important to keep a record of where you have marked your items and regularly check it is still working.
- There are additional ways to secure your tack and equipment such as
  - ❖ Trackers and microchips.
  - ❖ Put a chain through the items and secure with a padlock.
  - ❖ There are items on the market specific for assisting with security such as saddle bars, locks and guards.
- Keep a record of all of your property, including taking photographs and close ups of all markings and identifiable marks such as scratches etc. (A record form is available that you could use on this website).
- Put up signs saying that your property is marked.

***Whether visibly or invisibly applying a marking solution/method of any kind do a patch test first.***