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MOUNTED ACTIVITY EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN

If there is an emergency while therapy is in session:

1. All horses will be halted.
2. All leaders/horse handlers will position themselves in front of the horses.
3. All sidewalkers will stabilize their riders, unless backriding, in which case sidewalkers will stabilize the backrider who will stabilize the rider.
4. The therapist/instructor will supervise dismounting procedures verbally or personally.
5. If the client/student is removed from the mounted position: use a “fireman-pull/drag” –type hold to remove the client away from the horse and drag/carry the client no less than 10 feet from the horse.
6. If circumstances call for the arena to be evacuated, the clients/students will be escorted out **first** by their volunteers and the horses will be removed by their leader/horse handler to an appropriate place, **after** the riders are out of danger.
7. The therapist will determine if medical personnel and/or an incident report(s) are required and will request assistance.

