



LifeStriders

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SAFETY RULES

LifeStriders strives to provide a safe riding experience for all of our participants and requires that all participants, families and volunteers abide by our safety regulations. Please review and sign our safety rules.

- Please reserve parking in front of the building for Riders and Participants. Volunteer and Staff parking is available in the back two thirds of the front lot and rear of the building.
- To avoid traffic jams in the driveways please arrive earlier than your designated class time.
- Parents/caregivers must keep siblings, friends and relatives of the rider in the Viewing Areas.
- Please do not bring pets.
- When a volunteer escorts a participant to the parents/caregiver, upon class completion, the parents/caregivers need to contain the rider to the Viewing Areas
- Parents/caregivers will be solely responsible for the participants before and after arena/therapeutic riding time is completed
- Parents/caregivers please walk to the gate to meet your participant after they have dismounted the horse. Once participants are done with arena/therapeutic riding time, parents/caregivers are asked to please help their rider with feeding treats to the horses.
- Parents/caregivers need to remain on LifeStriders premises during therapeutic riding and/or Social skills group sessions.
- For training and safety purposes, we ask that volunteers and participants NEVER HAND FEED THE HORSES.
- Hitting or kicking of horses is NEVER allowed, and will result in dismissal from the program.
- NO guns, knives, weapons or violence of any kind are allowed on LifeStriders premises. This is a zero tolerance rule. Violators will be asked to leave and not allowed to return.
- Please do not climb or lean on any fences, gates or doors.
- No one is to enter the Barn Manager's apartment or other buildings on the property, other than the barn.
- In order to ensure the safest riding conditions, we ask that children and visitors refrain from screaming, running, or ball playing on the premises.
- Only the participant and staff/volunteers are allowed in the teaching arena, unless parent or health care professional presence is requested by instructor.
- Please keep the guidance given to riders in alignment with the therapeutic riding instructor's directions.

Attire

- A helmet must be worn by participants at all times during the lesson hour.
- Participants MUST wear long pants to ride, jeans are preferred.
- All participants must wear shoes. No one will be allowed to ride or be around the horses if they are bare foot or in sandals. We prefer the shoes have a 1/4" heel rather than tennis-type shoes. Volunteers must wear sturdy non-opened toed shoes. We do not recommend steel-toed shoes.
- Volunteers- Please refrain from wearing clothes that is too tight or revealing- No tank tops, bra tops etc.

I have read and understand LifeStriders Safety Policy

Volunteer Signature: _____ Date _____

Participant Signature: _____ Date _____

Parent/Foster Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____