

Road Sense for Riders



- ◆ **Safety** on the road begins at home. Train for control, and expose the horse to hazards in a safe place.
- ◆ **Be seen.** Wear light colors or reflective clothing.
- ◆ Wear an ASTM-SEI approved **helmet**, with the chin strap secured.
- ◆ Ride on the right. NC law requires horses to **ride with traffic**.
- ◆ Stay as far to the right as you can. You may need to get off the road to **allow a vehicle to pass safely**.
- ◆ **Stay calm and focus** on controlling your horse. You can't control traffic or other horses.
- ◆ You can normally control the horse better from the **saddle** than from the ground. It's usually not safe to get off when your horse is scared.
- ◆ **Use hand signals** to tell drivers to "Whoa down" and "Okay to proceed." Thank drivers with a smile and a wave.



Whoa Down! and Share the Road

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