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Your legal and social responsibilities...

✓ To protect the food chain, prevent disease and crime, a horse born after 31 July 2009, must:

- Be registered for a **passport** by 31 December in year of birth or within 6 months
 - Have a vet fit a **microchip**
 - Possess passport when moving horses (exceptions apply)
 - Have passport at point of sale
 - Register horse within 30 days, if new owner
 - On death of horse, return passport within 30 days
- ✗ Not apply for a duplicate passport (unless horse identity proven)**

✗ It is a crime to deface, destroy, alter or forge a passport

✗ No passport = £5,000 fine (max)

✓ Important notes:

- Horse (includes ponies, asses, mules, donkeys & zebras)
- Apply to a Passport Issuing Authority approved by DEFRA

✓ Trotting (use of horses to pull carts on public highways)

- User(s) are responsible for the safety & welfare of the animal(s)
- Must **not** wilfully obstruct traffic
- No furious riding or racing

✓ Use a helmet, fluorescent jacket, lighting at night, be insured & supervise children

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