

Additional Marking of Horse Drawn Vehicles = Additional Safety

Thomas L. Bean

Leader, Safety

Department of Food, Agricultural and Biological Engineering

What are horse leg wraps?

Ankle wraps for your horse that appear fluorescent in the day and “glow” in low light situations will increase the motorist’s ability to see you from a distance and give them time to slow down.

Marking the horse as well as the vehicle it is pulling also allows the motorist to properly identify the length of your horse and vehicle which can be critical in passing or when making left hand turns.



How to Size Leg Wraps

1. Measure circumference of leg
2. See back of hang tag for proper sizing



Why use horse leg wraps?

What are the chances that you will be involved in an incident on a public road? These factors increase the odds:

- Motor vehicle traffic increases yearly.
- Fewer people have rural backgrounds and know to use caution when approaching horse drawn vehicles on the roadway.
- Farms are larger than in the past, so operators are forced to travel greater distances on the roadways between fields.

There may be little you can do to change these factors, but others are directly under your control. For example, lack of visibility is a major cause of many incidents. You can make a big difference by making sure your equipment is clearly visible from the front, side, and rear.



For More Information

Visit our web site:

<http://www.ag.ohio-state.edu/~agsafety/>

Funded in part by the NHTSA through the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

EMPOWERMENT THROUGH EDUCATION

Visit Ohio State University Extension's web site "Ohioline" at: <http://ohioline.osu.edu>

Ohio State University Extension embraces human diversity and is committed to ensuring that all research and related educational programs are available to clientele on a nondiscriminatory basis without regard to race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, disability, or veteran status. This statement is in accordance with United States Civil Rights Laws and the USDA.

Keith L. Smith, Ph.D., Associate Vice President for Agricultural Administration and Director, Ohio State University Extension

TDD No. 800-589-8292 (Ohio only) or 614-292-1868