

BEST PRACTICES

What to Do if HIWU Investigators Appear at Your Barn to Present an EAD Notice of Alleged Violation



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BE RESPECTFUL, PROFESSIONAL, AND COURTEOUS AT ALL TIMES.

Now is not the time to criticize HISA, the rules, or the investigators.

ASK IF YOU CAN CONSULT WITH YOUR ATTORNEY, HORSEMEN'S GROUP, OR THE HISA OMBUDSMAN TO MAKE SURE YOU UNDERSTAND THE PROCESS.

If allowed:

Contact your attorney,
horsemen's group, or the HISA
Ombudsman for guidance.

If not allowed:

State you will do the best you can but will
need to consult with someone before
committing to anything or signing anything.

ASK WHAT YOU ARE BEING CHARGED WITH OR INVESTIGATED FOR AND FOR COPIES OF ANY PAPERWORK.

ANSWER ANY **FACTUAL** QUESTIONS TRUTHFULLY WITH **KNOWN FACTS**.

- **Do not** speculate, guess, or state any assumptions or opinions.
- **Do not** admit to any violation, wrongdoing, or penalty.
- **Do not** sign anything that day. Respectfully ask for time to review it and consult with someone.

SHOW THE INVESTIGATORS ANY STEPS YOU HAVE TAKEN TO COMPLY WITH HISA AND PROTECT YOUR HORSES

These include barn signs, barn policies, HISA trainings

ASSUMING YOU DID NOT INTENTIONALLY ADMINISTER THE SUBSTANCE IN QUESTION:

- **Politely state** that you did not administer the substance to the horse(s) in question.
- **State** that you will follow up to try to determine how the substance may have been present in the horse(s).
- **Ask the investigator** if they will help investigate and for anything they suggest would help determine how the substance was present in the horse(s)

AT THE CONCLUSION, ASK THE INVESTIGATORS FOR ANY DEADLINES YOU HAVE:

- **For requesting** a B sample
- **For requesting** further testing
- **For submitting** your written response or requests for hearings