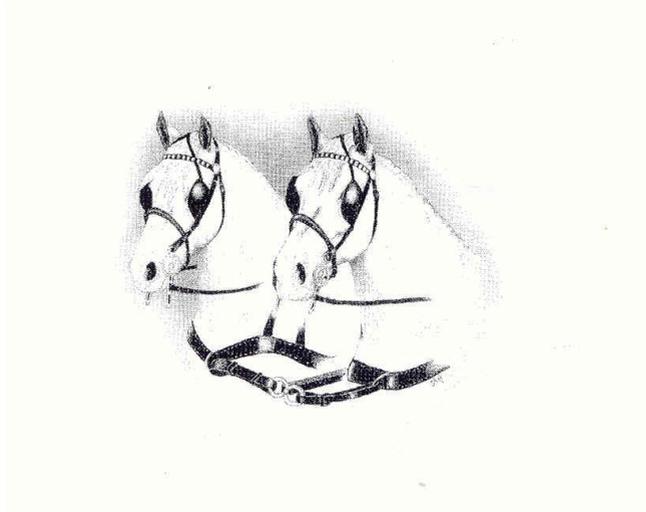


# **New Zealand Carriage Driving Society Inc.**



## **Driving Do's and Don'ts**

# SAFETY DO'S

**DO** be certain that the vehicle fits

**DO** check that the vehicle balances properly

**DO** spend plenty of time training your horse/pony for the work which you want it to do

**DO** pay attention to your horse/pony at all times when driving

**DO** carry an active and capable person to assist when driving a green horse

**DO** carry your whip as it may be needed quickly to avert an accident

**DO** carry sensible spares with you. At least headcollar and lead, and a sharp knife in your pocket for emergencies

**DO** remember when driving on the road to give clear signals of your intention to turn or stop to other road users

# **SAFETY DON'TS**

**DON'T** put the horse/pony to the vehicle without having the reins connected to the bit

**DON'T** leave the ends of the reins unbuckled in case one should be dropped when you are getting into the vehicle or while driving

**DON'T** take the bridle off while the horse is still in the vehicle, even if is tied up by its halter and lead

**DON'T** unhitch a horse/pony in unfamiliar surroundings without having someone at its head

**DON'T** leave a horse/pony tied up once it has been put to the vehicle

**DON'T** leave a horse/pony tied to an unhitched float, even when not in the vehicle

**DON'T** try to back a horse/pony between shafts that are lying on the ground

**DON'T** dismount from the carriage before the passengers or let them mount before you are seated

**DON'T** forget to check your vehicle and harness regularly for soundness and safety

**DON'T** take a green horse/pony to a major event. Get it used to its job at low key events first

**DON'T** drive past another carriage at a fast trot

**DON'T** drive too close to the carriage in front

**DON'T** drive after dark or in poor visibility on public roads