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BARN WITH STALL DOORS OPEN TO CENTRE AISLE
Option 1 - Run out lane from centre aisle
1) Open paddock gate
2) Have a permanent fence (or a temporary fence or bright rope)
3) Close end doors
4) Release horses, encourage and give cues to exit the open end door, close end barn door
5) Close paddock gate after all horses are inside

BARN WITH STALL DOORS OPEN TO OUTSIDE
Option 1 - Heading off from outer stall doors, leading to enclosed area
1) From outside, close barn doors, do not enter main barn
2) Have a permanent fence (or a temporary fence or bright rope)
3) Close gate to paddock and close once all horses are in paddock

BARN WITH STALL DOORS OPEN TO CENTRE AISLE
Option 2 - Leading and handing off to an enclosed paddock
1) Catch and halter horse**
2) 1st person hands off lead to 2nd (3rd etc) person who leads to paddock
3) Once in the paddock, close gate, repeat

BARN WITH STALL DOORS OPEN TO OUTSIDE
Option 2 - Handling off from outer stall doors, leading to enclosed area
1) From outside, close barn doors, do not enter main barn
2) Have a permanent fence (or a temporary fence or bright rope)
3) Lead to paddock, closing gate, repeat

YOUR EVACUATION PLAN
Make a plan; include alternate plans and routes - and practice! Plan should be scalable depending on the number of people available to assist in the event of a fire, contact emergency response and always put human safety above animal safety.

Below are several options which can be adapted to suit your situation.

*haltering and leading will be more time consuming vs. letting a horse loose in a controlled manner
**halter and lead outside stall doors

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**Fire safety diagrams with text:**

- Barn with stall doors open to centre aisle
- Barn with stall doors open to outside
- Barn with stall doors open to central aisle

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**Diagram notes:**

- Access gates are closed
- Paddock gates are closed
- Barn doors are open
- Stall doors are open
- Emergency halter and lead outside stall doors

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**Safety tips:**

- Plan should be scalable depending on the number of people available to assist in the event of a fire.
- Always put human safety above animal safety.
- Practice evacuation plans to ensure smooth execution.

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**Visual elements:**

- Diagrams illustrating different barn fire safety scenarios and evacuation plans.
- Instructions for handling horses in various situations.

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**Additional resources:**

- Equine Guelph website (EquineGuelph.ca)
- TheHorsePortal.ca
- OMAFRA (Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs)

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