



CALIFORNIA'S HORSE RACING SAFETY RECORD

California's Thoroughbred Industry is considered the Gold Standard in horseracing safety, implementing the most stringent regulatory standards and protocols in the nation.

We are proud that California has the safest racetracks in the country – **more than 2x safer than the national average**, according to the Jockey Club's Equine Industry Database. **Fatal injuries in California have reduced by more than 50%** since reforms went into effect in 2020.

- Santa Anita Park set the **United States standard in 2022 as the safest track in the country**, improving their safety record by 77% over the last three years.
- There were **zero fatal injuries during racing at Del Mar Thoroughbred Club's 2022 Summer Meeting**, which comprised 2,688 horse starters in 294 races, over the course of 31 days.

A NATIONAL MODEL FOR SAFETY

Since 2020, our industry has worked closely with state policymakers to **enact sweeping reforms** to ensure the safety and wellbeing of horses, including enhanced testing, additional monitoring practices, and a significant investment in racing surfaces and diagnostic equipment. These reforms allow us to diagnose potential injury early and dissuade trainers from utilizing harmful practices by:

- Establishing criteria for examination of thoroughbreds and quarter horses to determine eligibility and appropriateness to enter a race.
- Establishing specific prohibitions on trainers for the application of medications.
- Requiring diagnostic imaging prior to removing horses from the restrictive Veterinarian's List and permitting them to train or compete.
- Requiring trainers to participate in a full postmortem examination review to discuss injury prevention in the future.
- Taking substantial steps to make veterinary treatments transparent to authorities.
- Significantly restricting the use of the crop.

Our work has been so successful that the **Horseracing Integrity and Safety Authority (HISA) is using California as the model for national uniform regulatory practices**. HISA's Racetrack Safety Program and new Anti-Doping Medication Control Program closely mirror the standards first set in California.



Our coalition partners continue to prioritize safety over profits, investing in forward-thinking approaches to reduce fatal injuries as much as possible and keep California's equines safe and healthy. We hope to see the entire industry implement practices that ensure the safest possible environment for racing and training.

The California Horse Power Coalition aims to preserve and protect California's vibrant equestrian culture by bringing together industry leaders, workers, families, and fans to illustrate its significant benefits.

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