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Adrian Morgante
Intelligent Ideas and Concepts

Dear Mr. Morgante

Re: TOE STOPPERS.

The New South Wales Mounted Police have implemented the use of Toe Stoppers for use during riding assessments for new recruits, wishing to join the Mounted Unit. We are not certain of individuals abilities or experience prior to attempting the assessments, therefore the added safety of using Toe Stoppers is a good O.H. & S. tool. It is not unusual for the applicants to have a fall, so we try to minimise the extent of injuries.

Successful applicants then undergo a 3 months training course before becoming qualified Mounted Police Officer. This training is quite rigorous and involves jumping, galloping AND riding Troop drill in large groups of horses. There is a reasonable risk that recruits could have a fall during this training period. We are using them whilst jumping and it is envisaged that we shall use the Toe Stoppers during this training in conjunction with other safety features ie helmets and protective body vests.

The use of Toe Stoppers in routine operational procedures is currently still under trial.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'K. Owen', written over a horizontal line.

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