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**From:** [Nina Arnott](#) [Association for Horsemanship Safety & Education](#)  
**Date:** 11/08/05 13:08:32  
**To:** Margaret  
**Cc:** ['Adrian'](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Breakaway Irons

Hello Margaret

Hope you are OK, and no accident ensued from the equipment failure....

Yes, we have heard similar tales (no hard evidence, just anecdotal in this case) of that product and also the one with elastic band sides....We (Association for Horsemanship Safety and Education) do recommend Toe stoppers.

We use them at our campsite for all riders (3500 beginners each year) including staff, as we believe that the risks of dragging are perhaps the most dangerous related to horses (assuming other hazards are managed appropriately). They are available from most saddlers at \$89.95 per pair.

Have we met? I don't recognise your name....Can I also help you with instructor or trail guide accreditation –using recognition of prior learning? Or club training in risk management?

Please let me know how you get on either way...and if you want further evidence about the dangers of the breakaway irons, the Toe stopper designer may be able to give you some evidence that is more than anecdotal...I have sent him a copy of this note, so you have his contact details. His name is Adrian.

Cheers!

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**From:** Margaret  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 8 November 2005 12:26 PM  
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**Subject:** Breakaway Irons

Attention Nina,

I had a breakaway iron that broke away when it shouldn't have. Are you aware of any similar incidents.

Also I noticed on your site you mention Toe Stoppers, can you tell me more about them and if you have used them?

Thank you for your time,

Margaret Ferguson