

# HORSES on the ROAD

**Horse owners and riders are asking that you slow down, pass wide and proceed with caution.**

Even the best-trained horse can become frightened and make unexpected movements –**SOMETIMES JUMPING INTO THE ROADWAY.**

## **When approaching rider/horses on the road:**

- Pass Wide and Slow. Be alert!
- Don't honk the horn or rev the car engine
- Riders should be riding single file – look for arm/hand signals from riders when passing.
- Mutual respect may save a life!
- Share the Road

## **Vermont law regarding horses/animals on the road reads as follows:**

### **§ 1127. Control in presence of animals**

- (a) Whenever upon a public highway and approaching a vehicle drawn by a draft animal, an animal upon which a person is riding, or animals being herded, the operator of a motor vehicle shall operate the vehicle in such a manner as to exercise every reasonable precaution to prevent the frightening of any animal and to ensure the safety and protection of the animal and the person riding, driving, or herding.
- (b) The operator of a motor vehicle shall yield to any animals being herded on or across a highway.



**THANK YOU**

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**WE SHARE THE SAME ROADS, SO PLEASE PASS THE WORD ON. SLOW DOWN AND GIVE A HORSE AND RIDER SOME EXTRA ROOM FOR SAFETY.**