The United States Pony Clubs, Inc.
Commitment to Safety Through the Years

Since 1954, when 8 individuals signed the Articles of Incorporation for The United States Pony Clubs, USPC has been on the forefront of equestrian safety. Championing for improved helmet development, protecting riders, creating safety standards for members, educating volunteers, and leading the fight for safe sport and return to play. USPC is committed to safety throughout the world in all equestrian disciplines.

1954—The United States Pony Clubs, Inc. begins with a focus on safety through education

1956—USPC requires helmets for all mounted activities

1960—Stable Management focuses on caring for horses safely

1970—USPC Committee formed to study protective headgear

1976—Stable Management taught at all levels to insure safety and wellbeing of horses

1980—USPC begins study of helmet and head injury awareness

1986—USPC asks ASTM to develop standards for equestrian helmets

1990—USPC requires all members to wear ASTM/SEI approved helmets


2011—USPC requires medical armband or bracelet (2015) worn during participation

2013—Heat Illness training for volunteers and leadership

2014—Safety awareness is included in all USPC Standards of Proficiency

2012—Concussion, Return to Play, and Member Protection required trainings increase awareness for equestrian health and safety

2019—All USPC members are required to wear body protection when jumping solid obstacles

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