

## **Sure-Fire Ways to get into Trouble with Horses:**

### *One careless moment by us can cripple a horse for life...Ray Hunt*

Not to mention seriously hurt you, generate large vet bills, scar your horse physically and mentally for life and trash your equipment. Doing any of the following is setting you and your horse up for a big WRECK somewhere along the line.

Tie a horse up solid before you have educated him to move his feet in a confined space, and come forward off poll pressure.

Leave halters on foals/horses when you turn them loose

Force a horse onto a float, by any means and do the back up quick

When float-loading, to tie the horse up before the rump bar is done up and the ramp is raised and vice-versa

Not do up the girth tight enough and have the saddle slide under the belly

Do up the girth and hop straight on

Ride a young horse that has never cantered with the saddle on.

Not open gateway sufficiently wide and risk the horse hooking up in it

Feed out amongst loose horses without sending them away first

Be careless with the bridle reins and have the horse stand on them and jerk his head up

Let horses interact thru any kind of wire, especially high-tensile or netting

Tie the horse up while you teach it something, eg to have legs hosed, feet picked up, bridle put on.

Have 'booby-traps' in the paddock. Whilst a horse is calm and thinking, of course he won't get caught in anything, but when they have a moment of panic when something scares them, or another horse lunges at them, they are prone to jump on top of those harrows you've been meaning to shift, or that warratah you've been meaning to dig out!!