

HOW TO CHECK FLOORS AND RAMPS

- 1.** Every few months lift the rubber matting and check the floors from above and below for damage and rot.
- 2.** Using a flat head screwdriver, prod suspect areas – the screwdriver should not penetrate the floor, if it does you must get it checked out by a professional before putting your horse back in. Jumping up and down on a floor to check its condition is not a reliable indication!
- 3.** While the mats are out, disinfect the floor and let it dry before replacing them. Aluminium floors, though likely to be more resistant to deterioration than wood, still need checking and cleaning because they can also be damaged by horses kicking and may eventually corrode.
- 4.** As well as checking ramps for damage and rot, you should also check the horse area walls. If they start to flex more than they used to, have them replaced.