Halters for Turnout

These options should only be considered if your horse MUST be turned out with a halter on. It is best for horses to be turned out without a halter on.



Solid leather halter

A solid leather halter is the safest if you must keep a halter on your horse. If a horse gets caught the leather should break regardless of where there is pressure on the halter. Mares that have foals at their sides (or horses that are turned out with foals) should not wear a halter due to an increased risk of a rowdy foal getting a leg caught in another horse's halter. If a foal must wear a halter, it should be solid leather.



Nylon halter

Although the nylon halter comes in a variety of fun colors and designs, it is not a safe option to leave on your horse. The strong nylon will not break if a horse gets caught.



Leather-poll breakaway halter

Breakaway halters have a replaceable leather breakaway crown or leather strip. It is for protecting the horse while in situations like being tied to a trailer or in cross ties. However, it will only break when there is pressure at the point of the poll. If the horse gets caught at any other point on the halter it will likely not break.



Rope halter

The rope halter should be used as a training device only. This is also not a safe option to leave on your horse as it will not break if a horse gets caught.