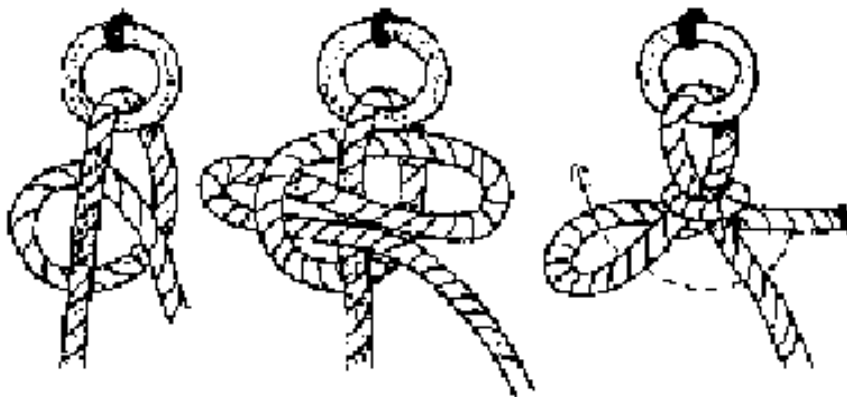


Quick Release Safety Knot

1. Use a breakaway or leather halter and cotton lead rope to lead your pony to the ring or secure post/rail you intend to tie to,. Never tie to a trailer that doesn't have the tow vehicle attached. Tie at about the level of the pony's withers or slightly higher. Your pony should be able to hold his head normally, too loose and he will be able to get his leg over the rope.
2. Take the end of the rope and feed it through the tie ring, or over and around the rail.
3. Hold both sections of the rope in your left hand.
4. With your right hand, take a section of the tail end of the rope and make a fold in it.
5. Cross the fold (which in knot language is called the *bight*) over the two ropes you are holding in your left hand.
6. Bring the bight up through the middle of the loop you have just formed.
7. Grab the tip of the bight with your right hand and pull, tightening the knot.
8. To undo the quick release knot, pull on the loose end and the knot will come undone.
9. If your clever mount likes to undo the knot on his own, pass the end of the rope loosely through the bight.



Important Safety Consideration: Even with quick release snaps/quick release knots, your pony can get tangled up in the rope. He could get a hind foot caught in the halter or flip over backwards. You should have a knife to cut away a rope or halter. The blade needs to be long enough to do the job. A Marlin Spike knife has a spike that can be used to loosen over tightened knots.