

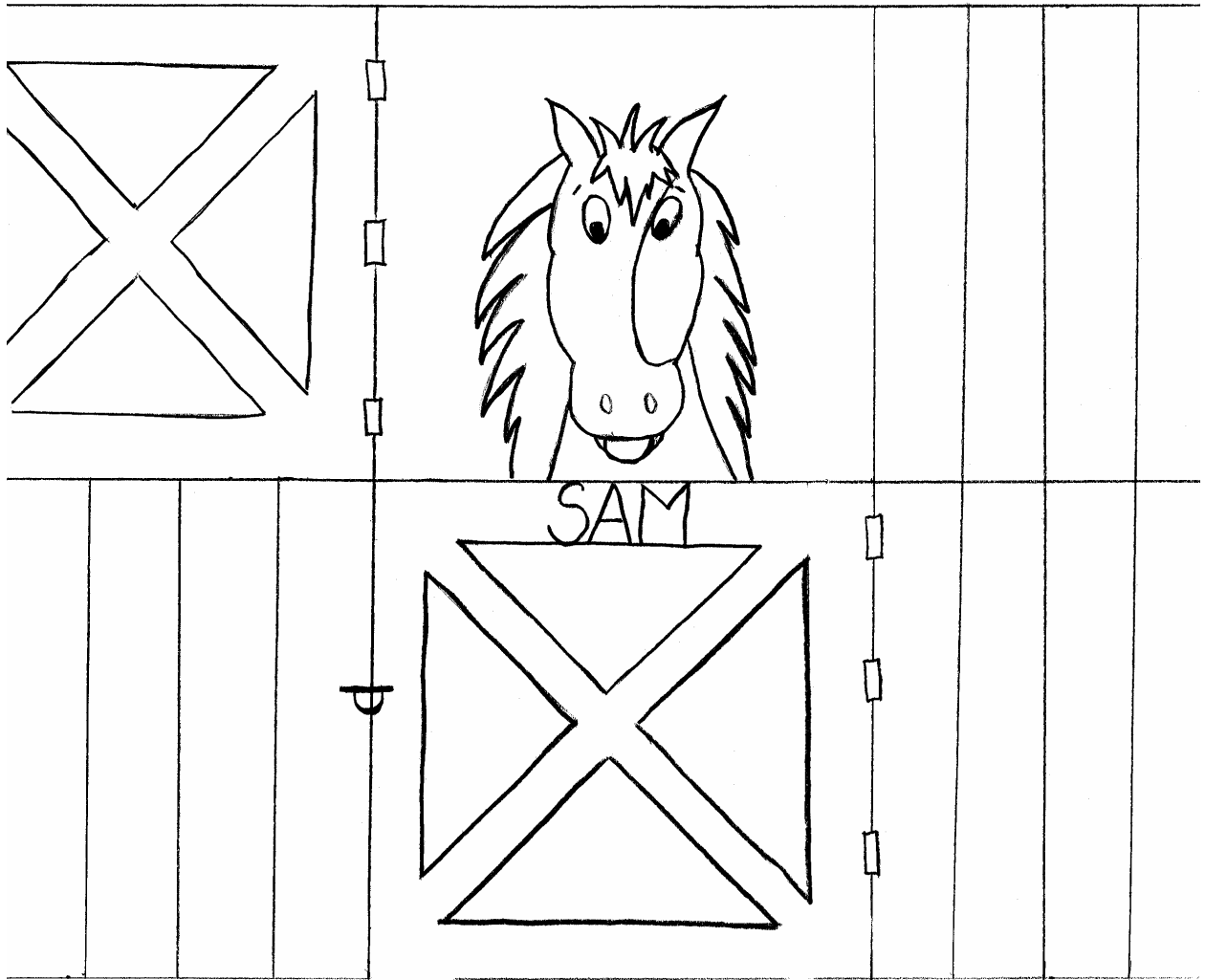
Sam

The Disaster Horse



Flood Safety

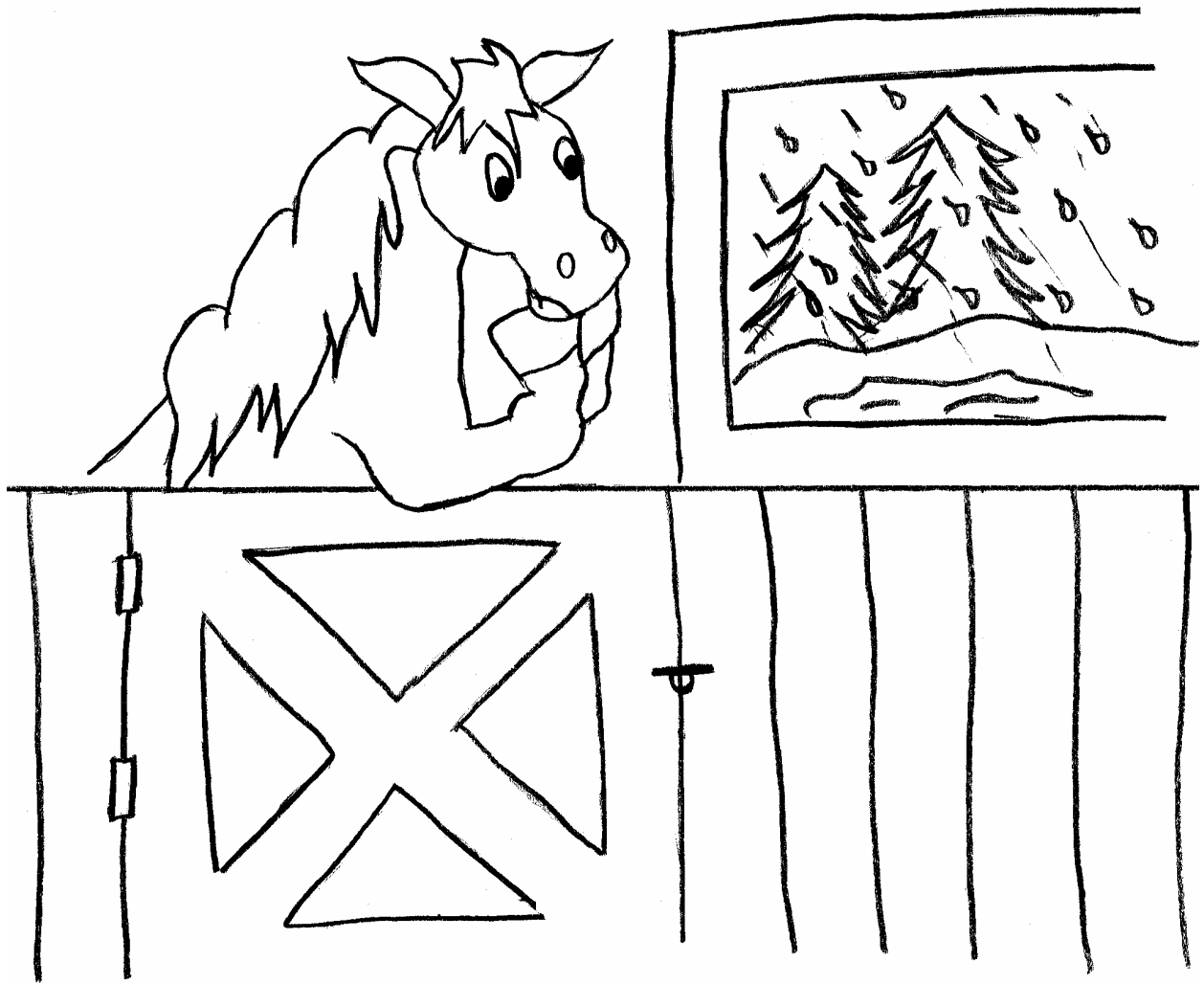
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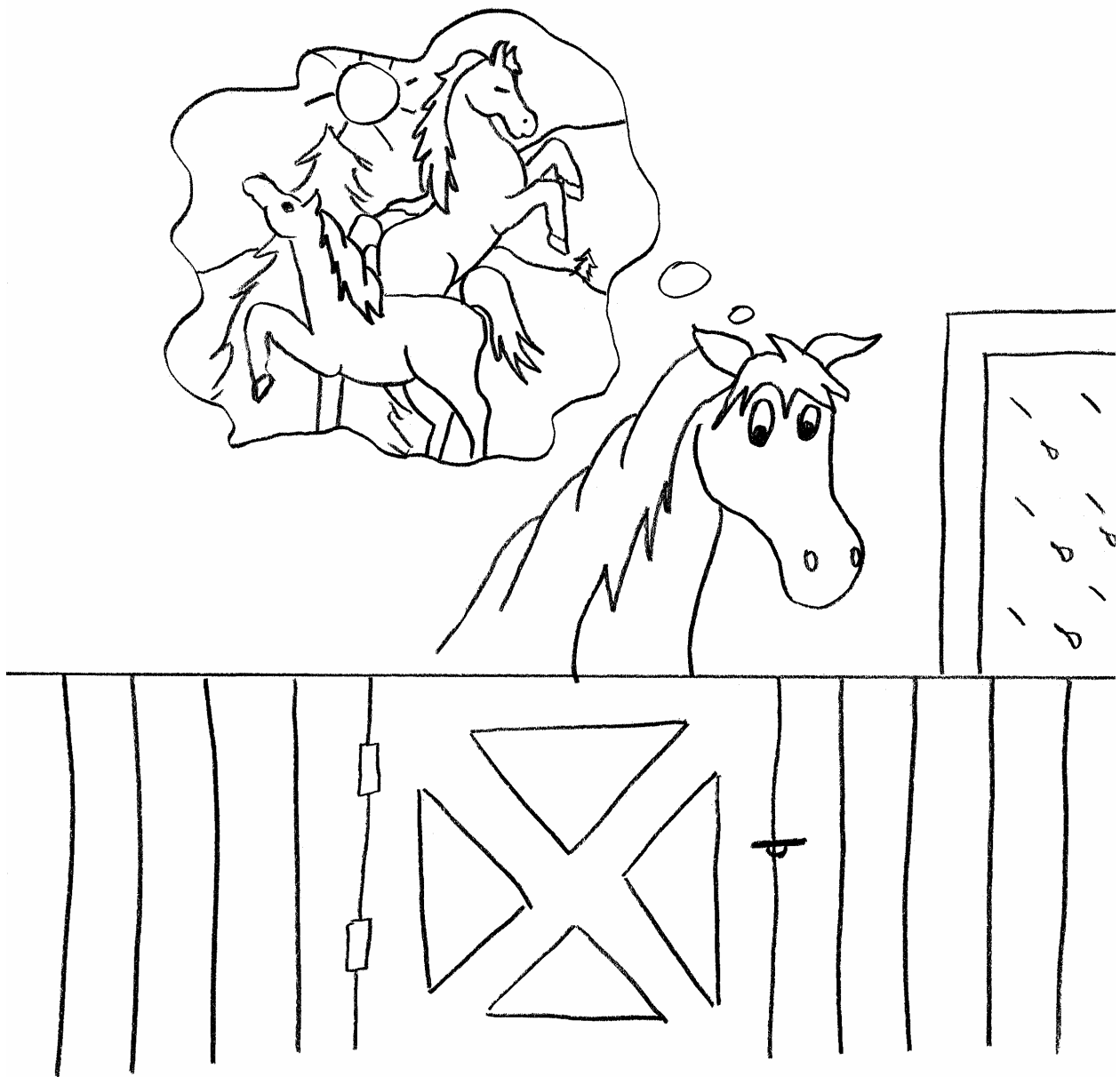
Hello! Sam the Disaster Horse here!!



Now you may ask why am I called the Disaster Horse? Great question! It seems that for some reason disasters just seem to happen around me and since they do, I have learned what to do when these scary things happen and I'm here to share those things with you!



I'm stuck here in my barn, again. It has been raining for days!!



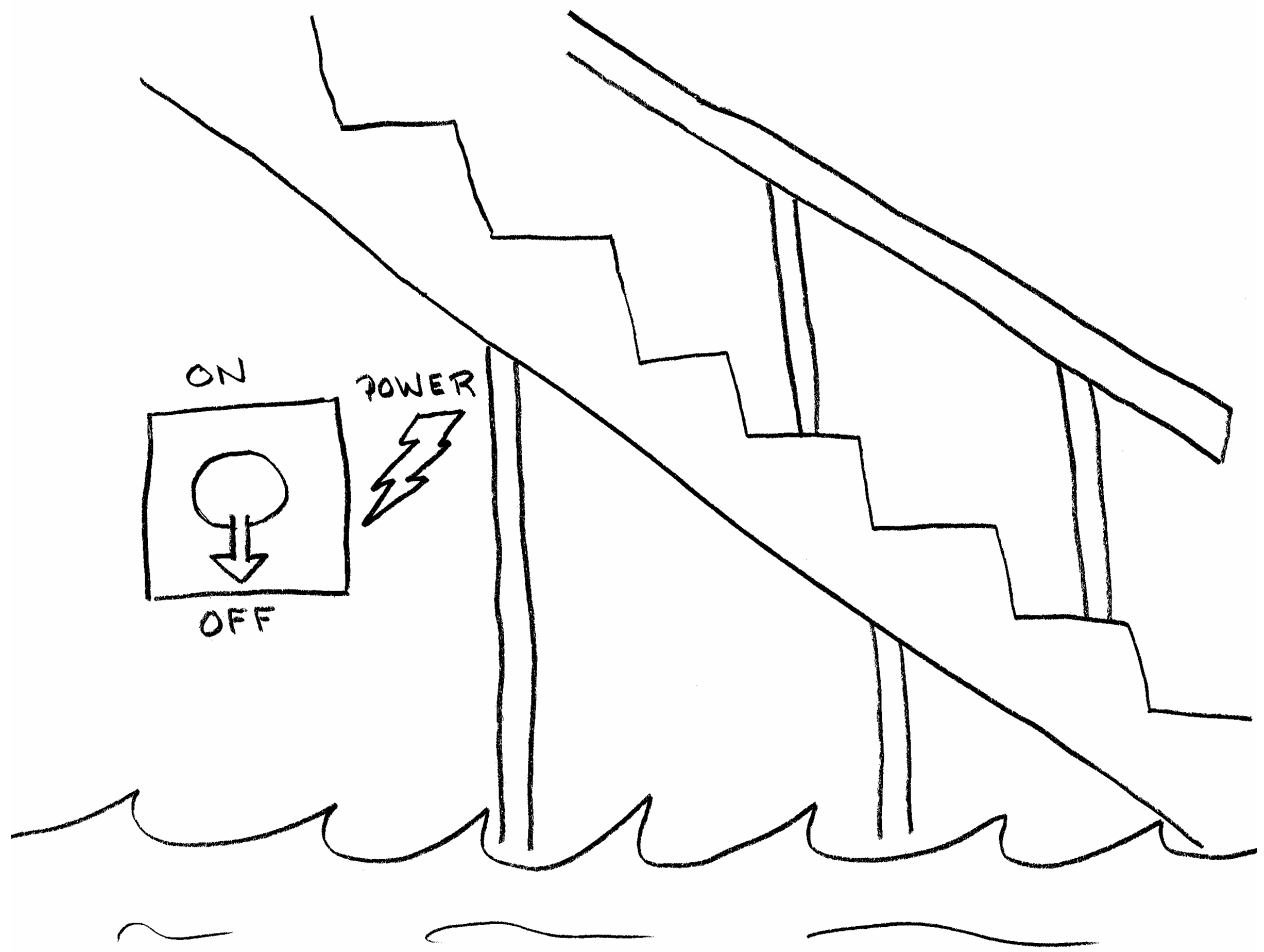
I want to go out and play in my pasture with my friends, but my pasture is getting pretty full of water. I guess we are having what they call a flood, although it looks more like a lake to me!



Some floods can happen really fast, those are called flash floods. Other floods are caused by heavy rains and it may take a day or two for the flood waters to reach a dangerous level.



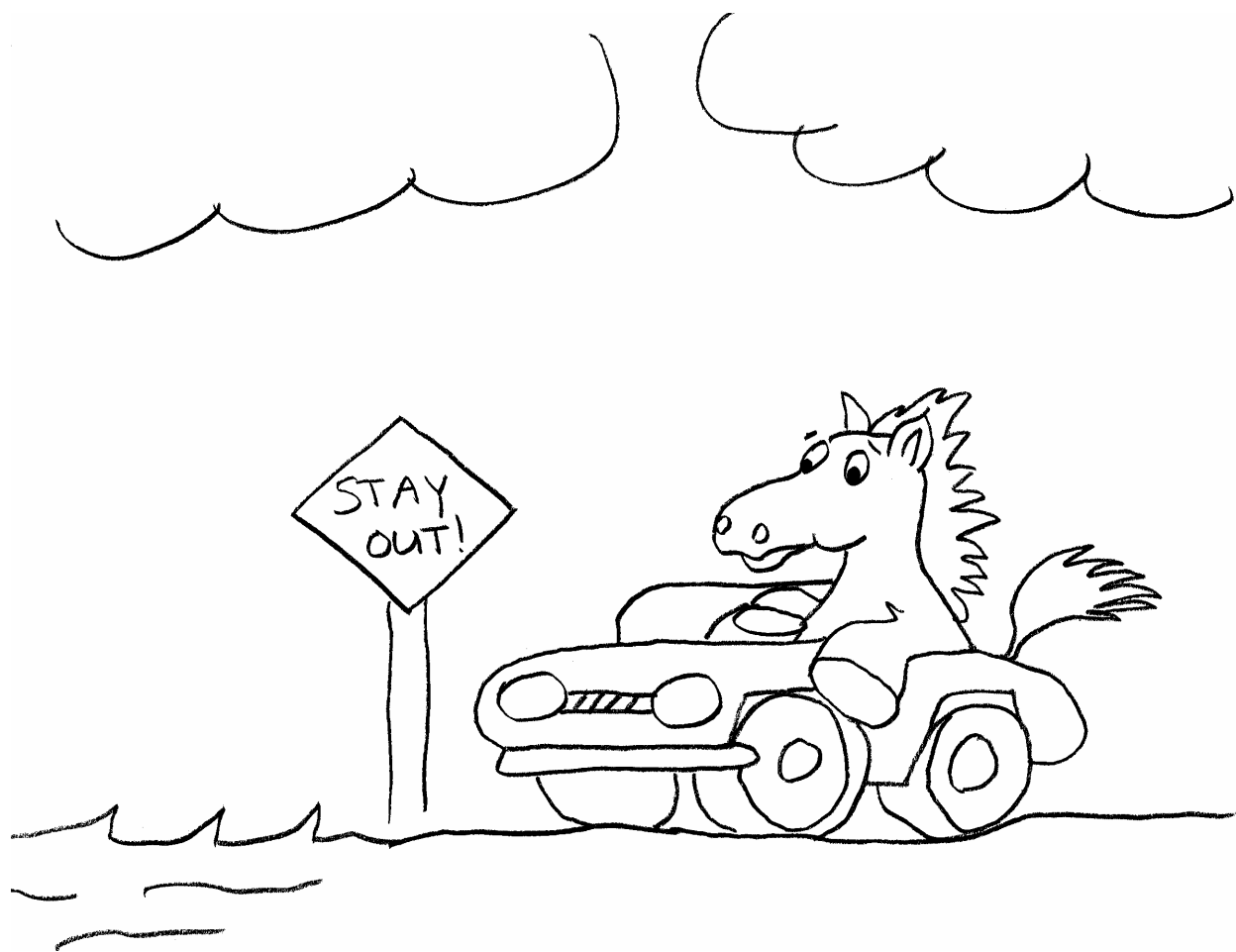
No one can stop a flood, but there are some things you can do to stay safe. One of those things is to listen to your NOAA all-hazards radio to find out if a flood might threaten your area.



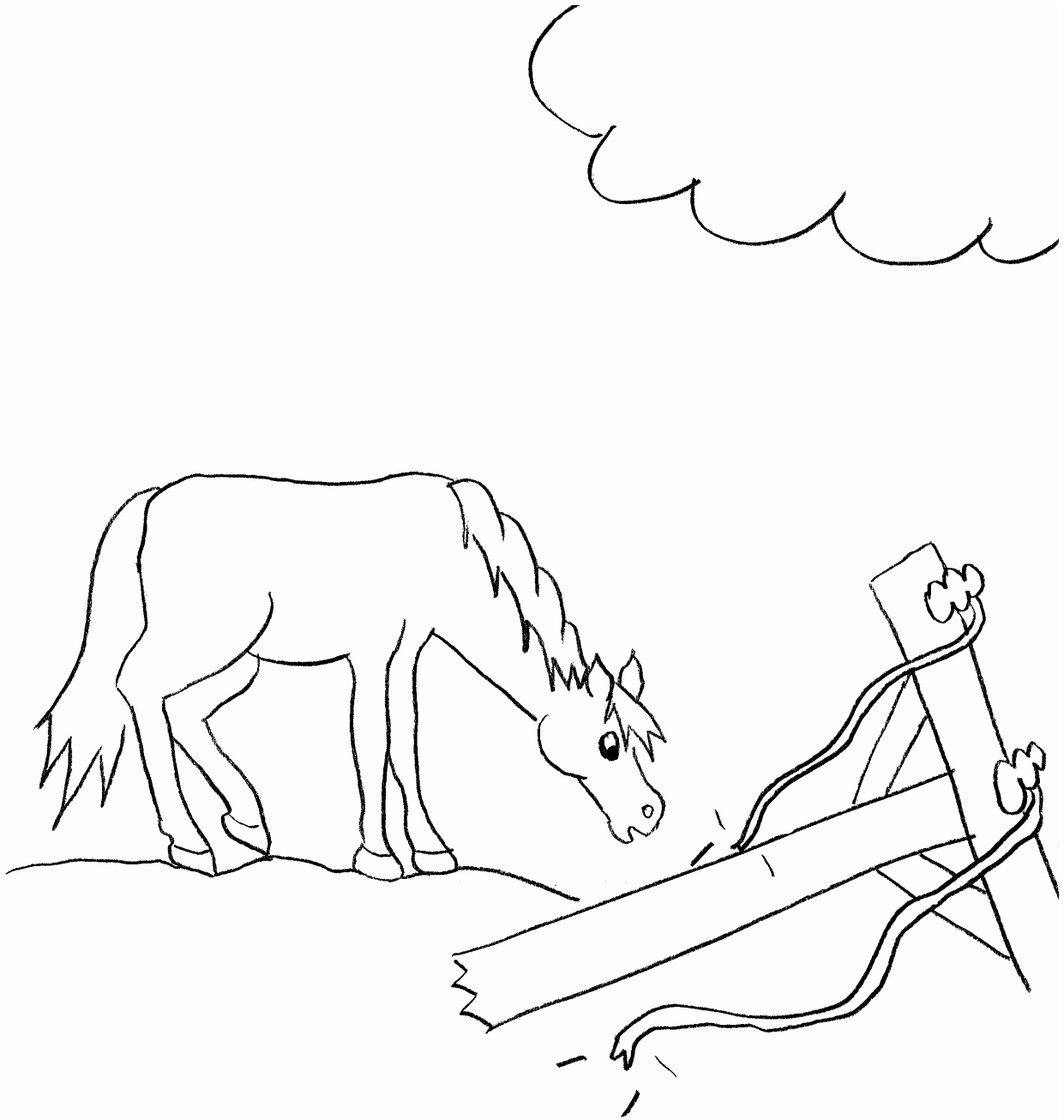
If water is coming up fast in your basement, you should turn off your utilities so a fire doesn't accidentally start.



You should never walk through flood waters as sometimes it is moving so fast that only six inches can knock you right off your feet!



Never drive through a flooded roadway either. You never know what the flood washed away and a bridge that was there before might not be there any more and only 2 feet of water can float cars away!



Stay away from downed power lines too because electricity travels through water.



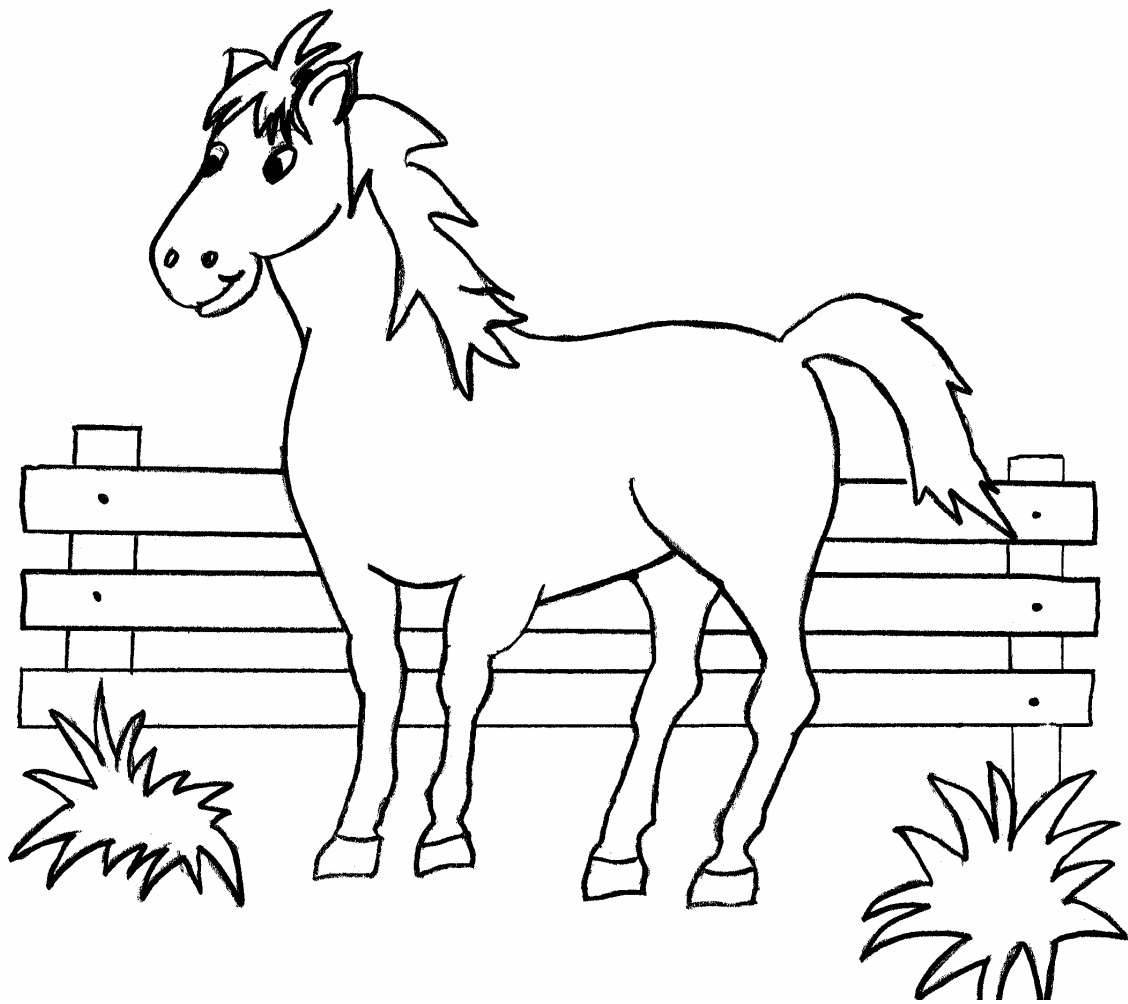
Never try to swim to safety! Wait for rescuers to come and get you safely.



Don't play in flood waters either! Sometimes the water contains bacteria that can make you really sick. If you touch flood water, be sure to wash your hands with soap and safe water.



Remember that animals lose their homes in floods too! Be careful to watch out for them!



Well I hope you learned how to stay safe when there is a flood. Remember to tell your friends how to stay safe too!

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