

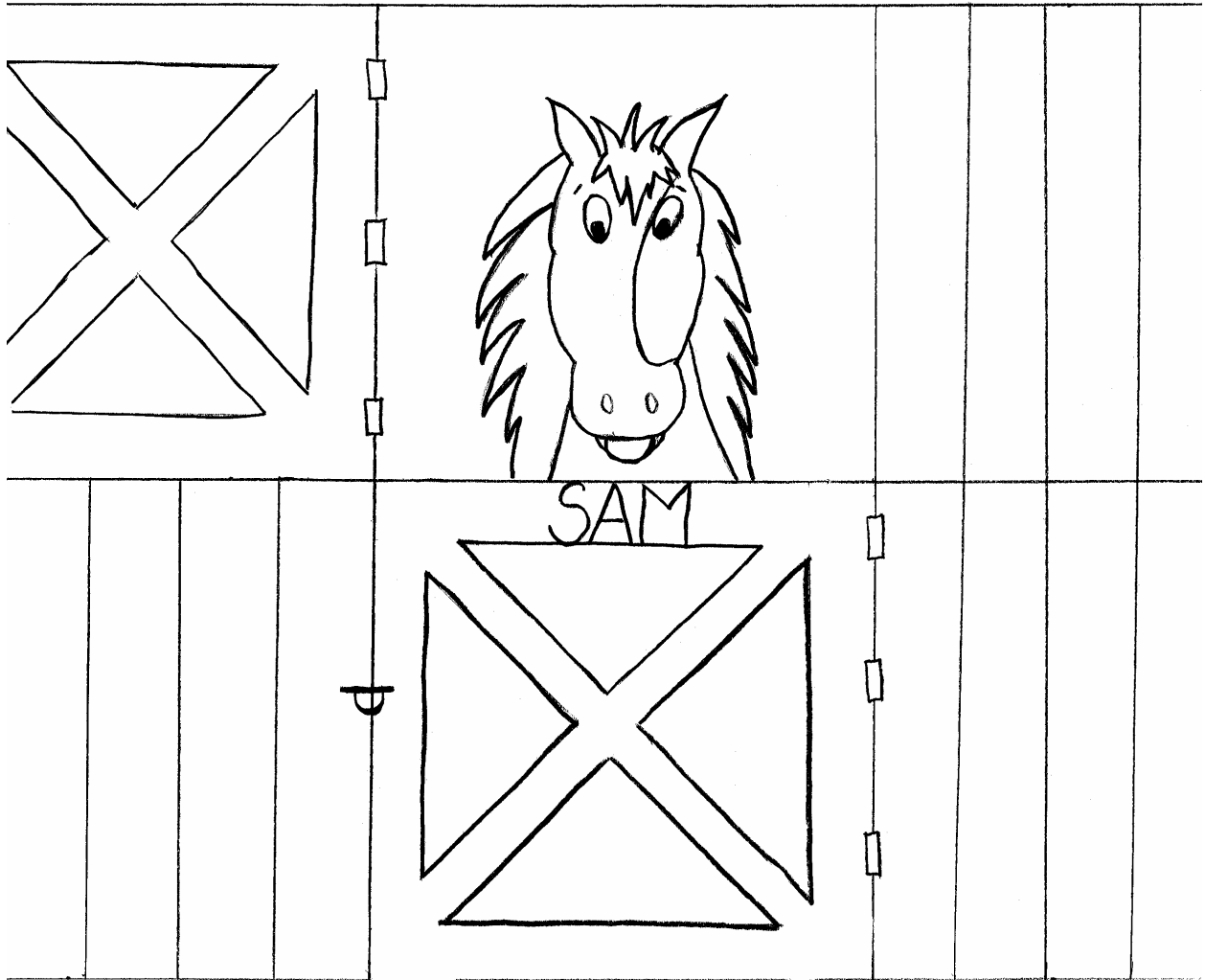
Sam

The Disaster Horse



Tornado Safety

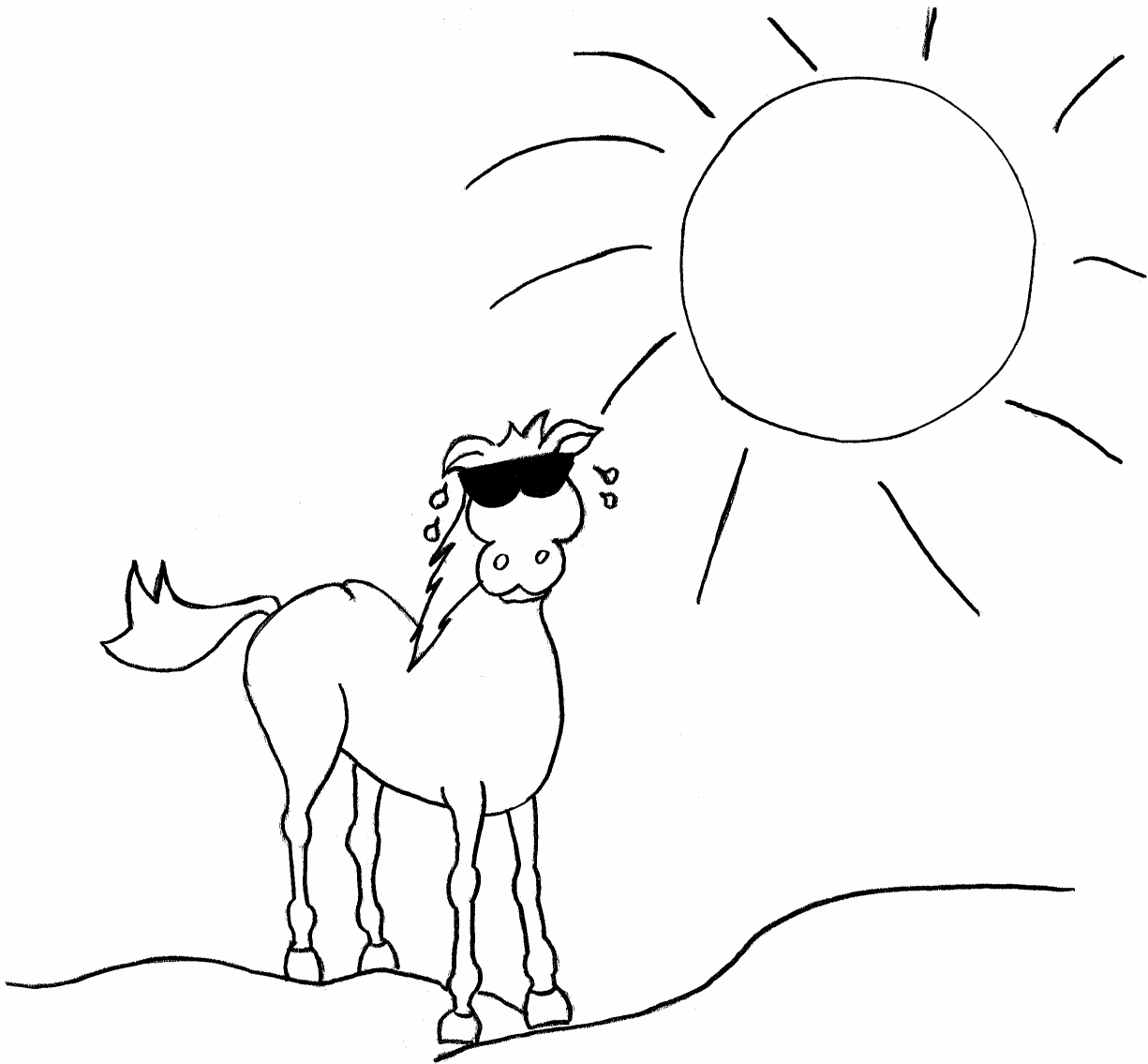
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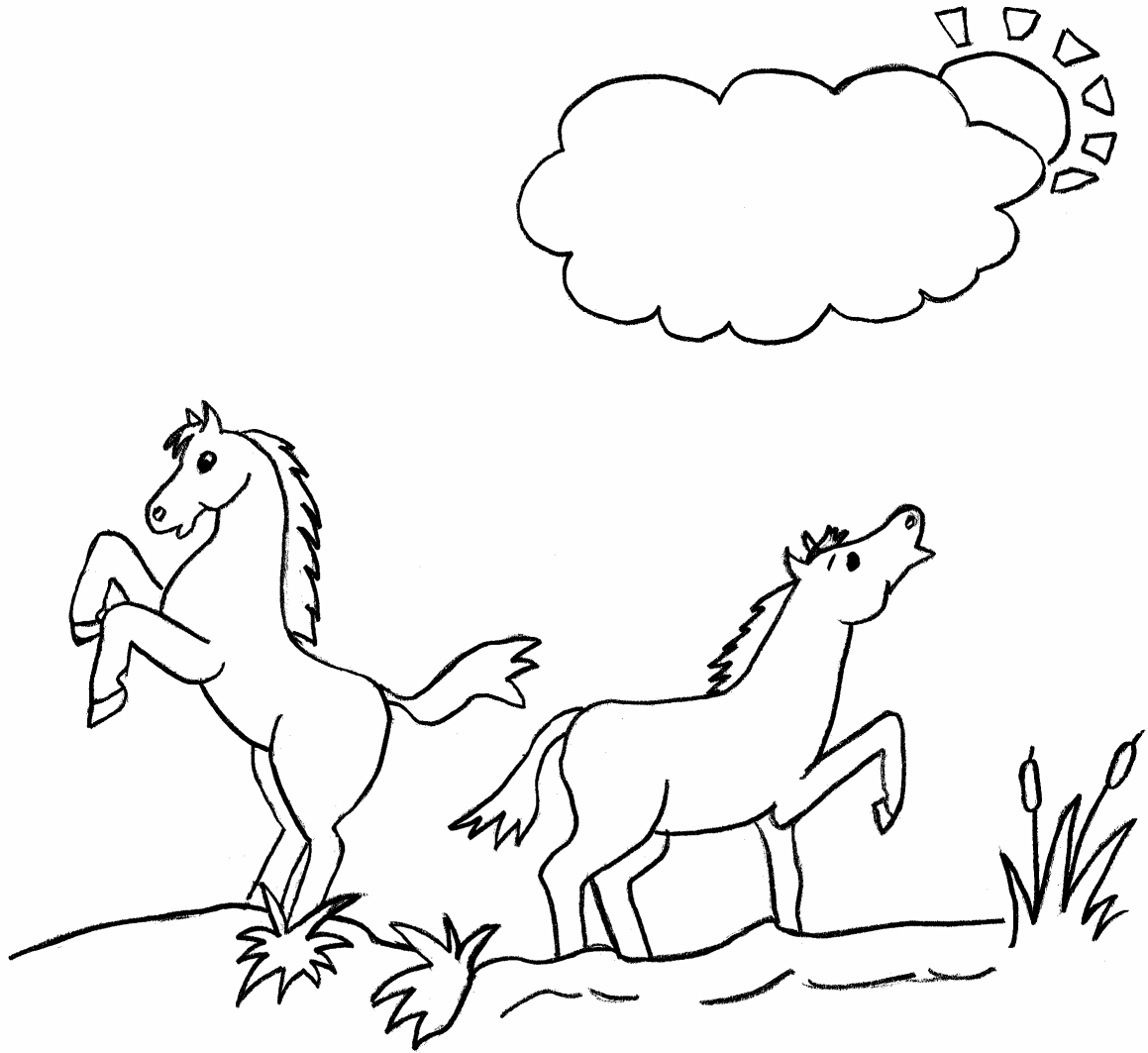
Hello! Sam the Disaster Horse here!



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!



It is really hot and humid out today so all my friends and I decided it would be a great day to go play in the creek.



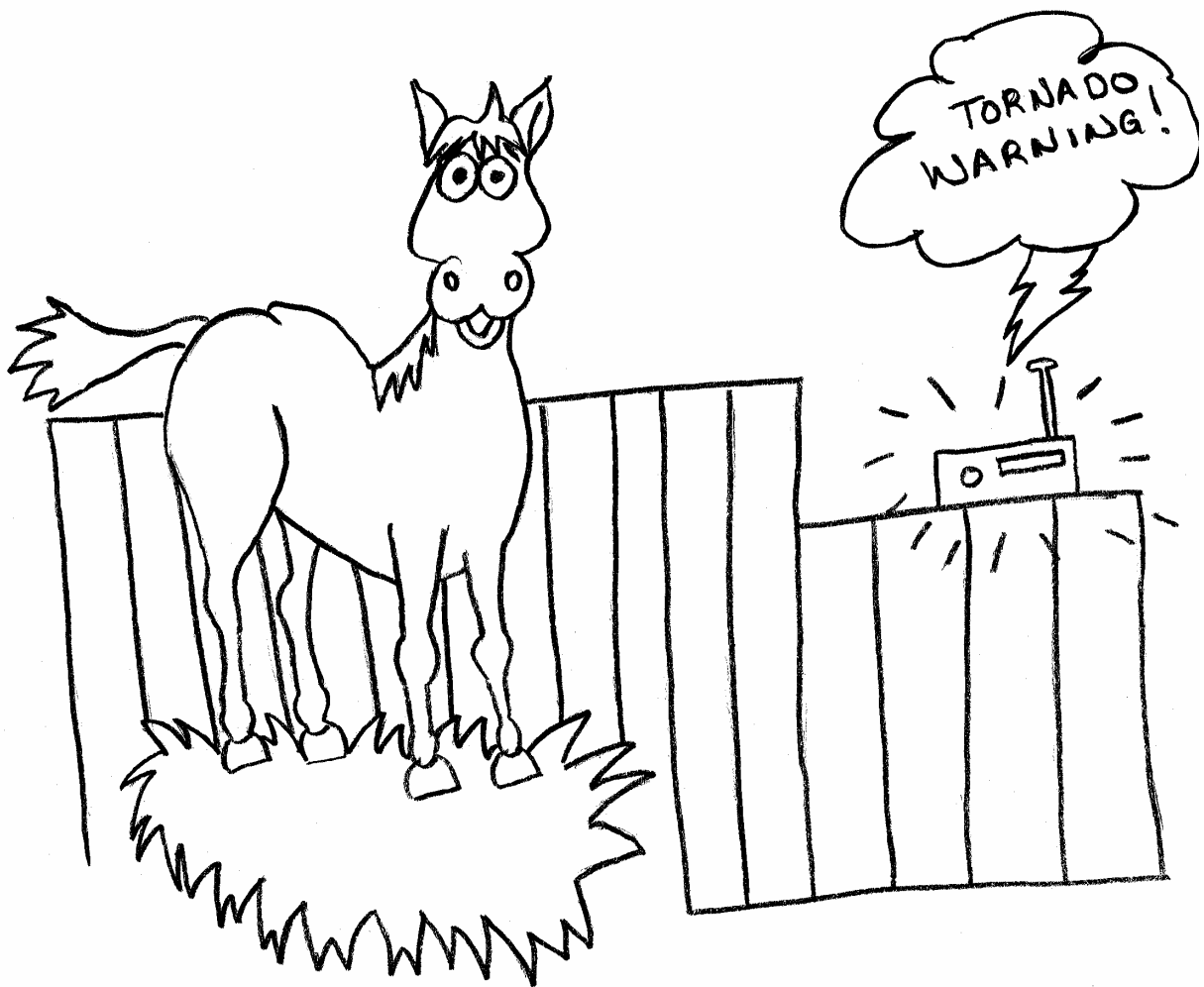
It was so much fun that we didn't even notice all the dark clouds moving really fast across the sky until we heard the clap of thunder.



We all know what that means and we took off running towards home because you are never supposed to be outside when it is lightning out!



Just when I got to the barn it started to rain and some of the rain was even frozen! I learned that it really wasn't frozen rain, but hail.



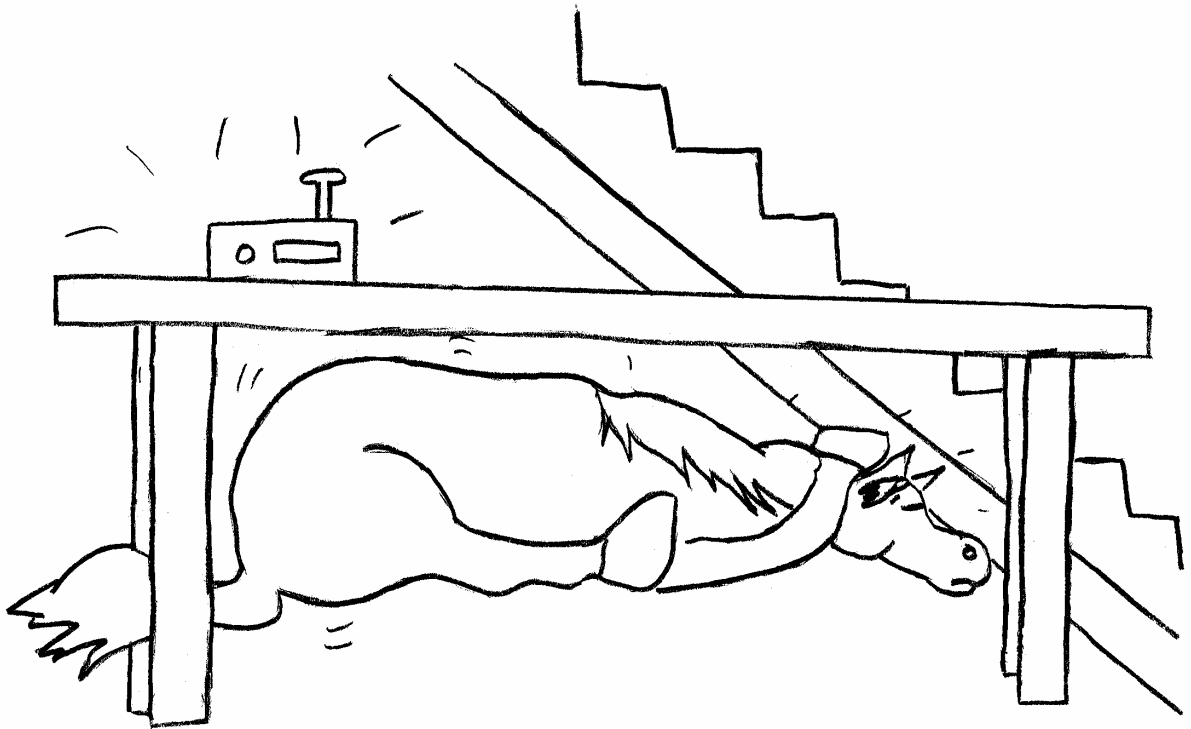
All my friends and I have a NOAA all-hazards radio in our homes and mine was saying that we had a tornado warning.



Yikes! I've heard about these things before and I know they are **VERY DANGEROUS** - even deadly. They are a violent windstorm that looks like a twisting, funnel-shaped cloud.



I didn't waste any time looking out my window to see if I could see one! I know that you are supposed to stay away from all windows during a tornado and go to a safe place like a basement, storm cellar or interior room with no windows.



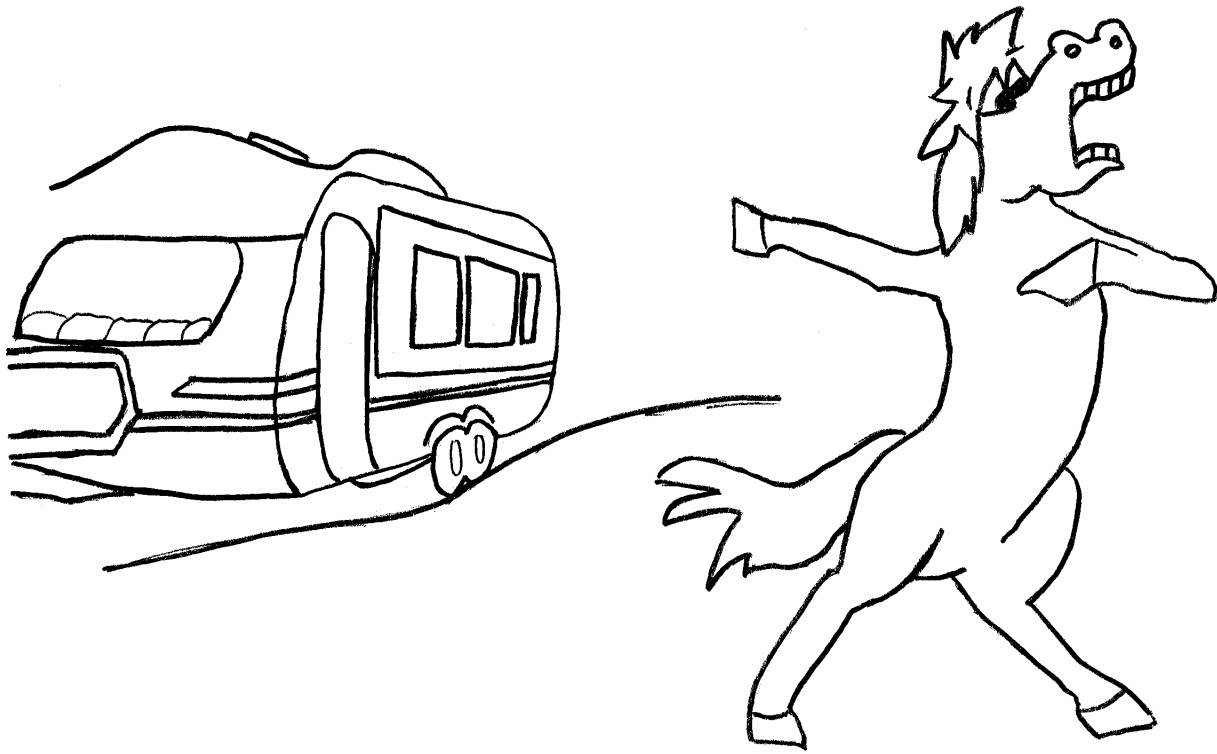
I ran to our safe room and got under a sturdy table. Even though you are in a basement, you should still get under something sturdy. I also protected my head and stayed there. I was really scared!!



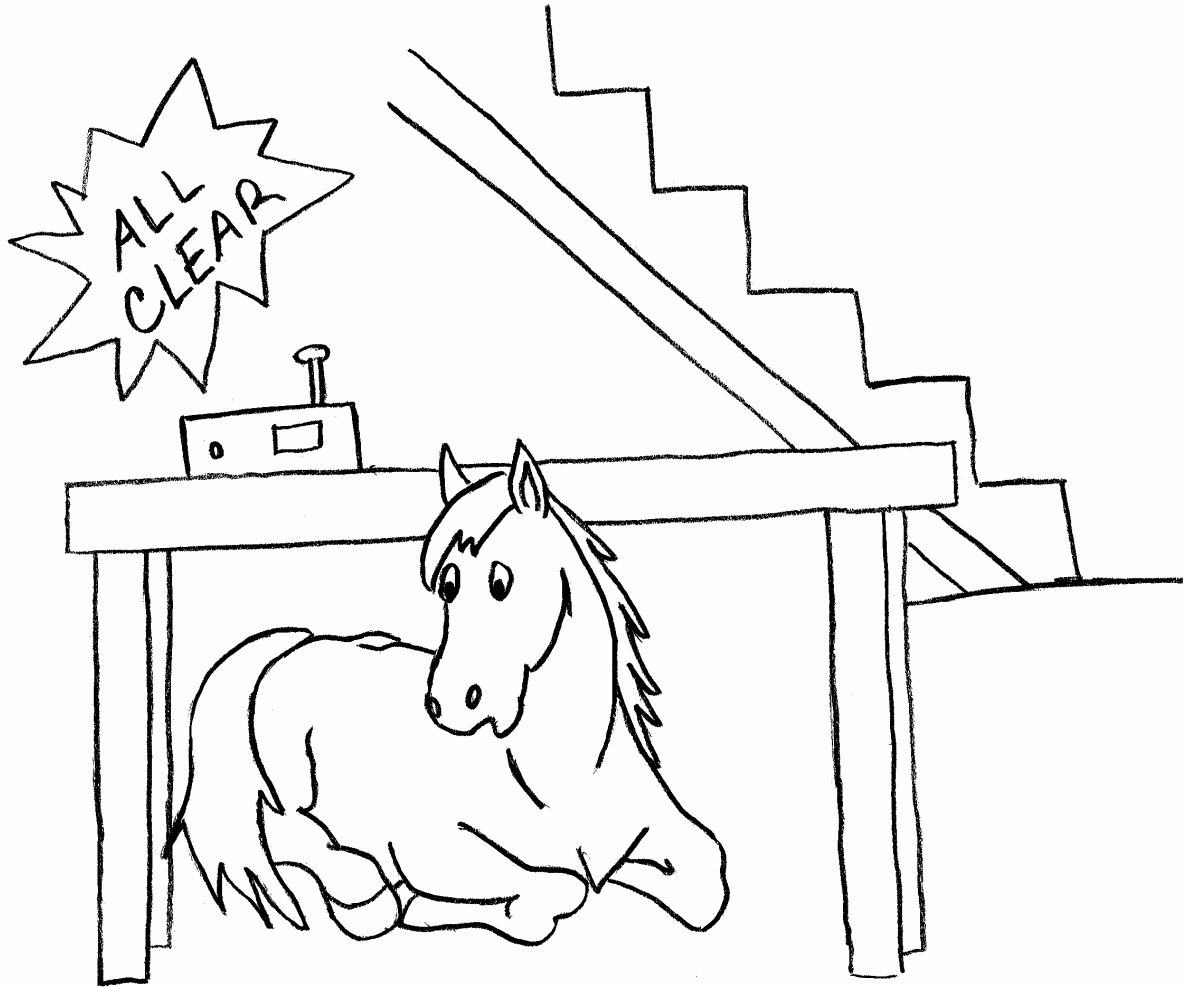
I hope all my friends made it home on time! If they were still outside they know that they should lay down in a ditch, ravine or culvert and cover their heads too!



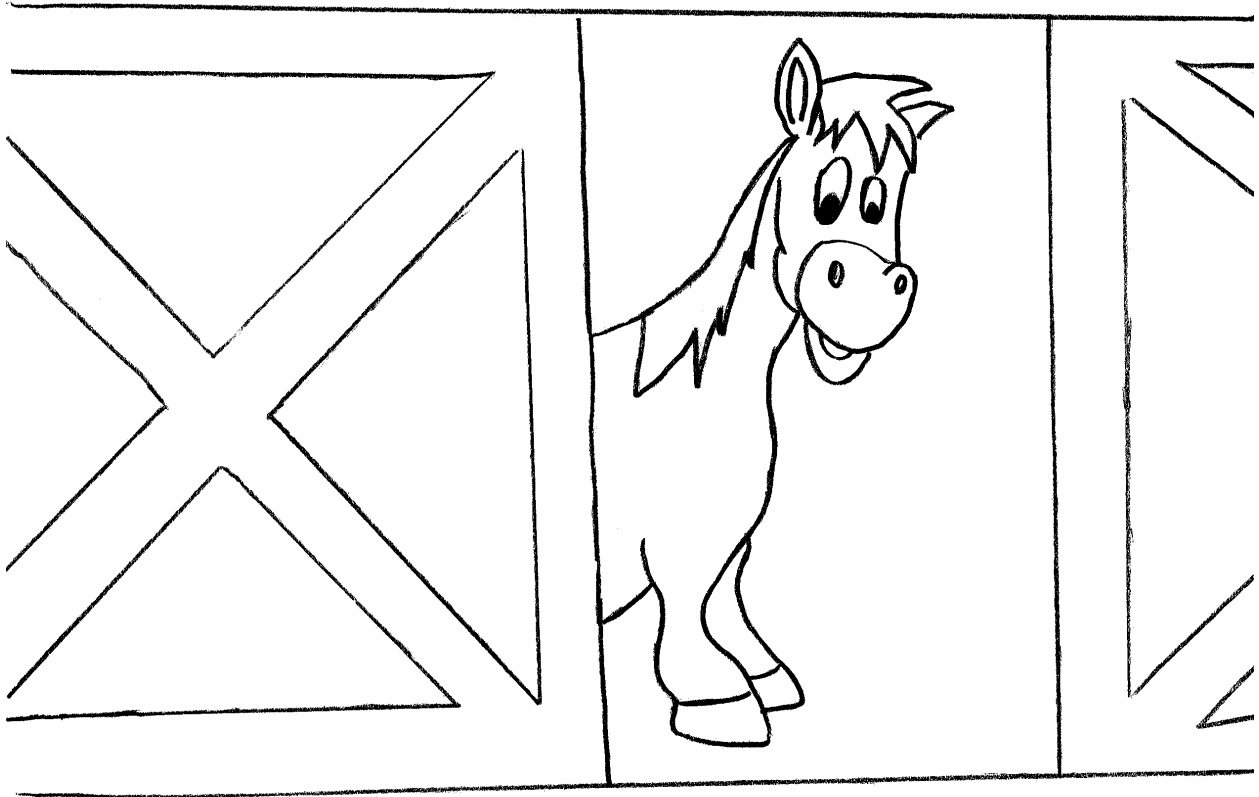
If you are stuck in your car you should never try to out-drive a tornado either. You should always get out of the car and get to a safe building or shelter.



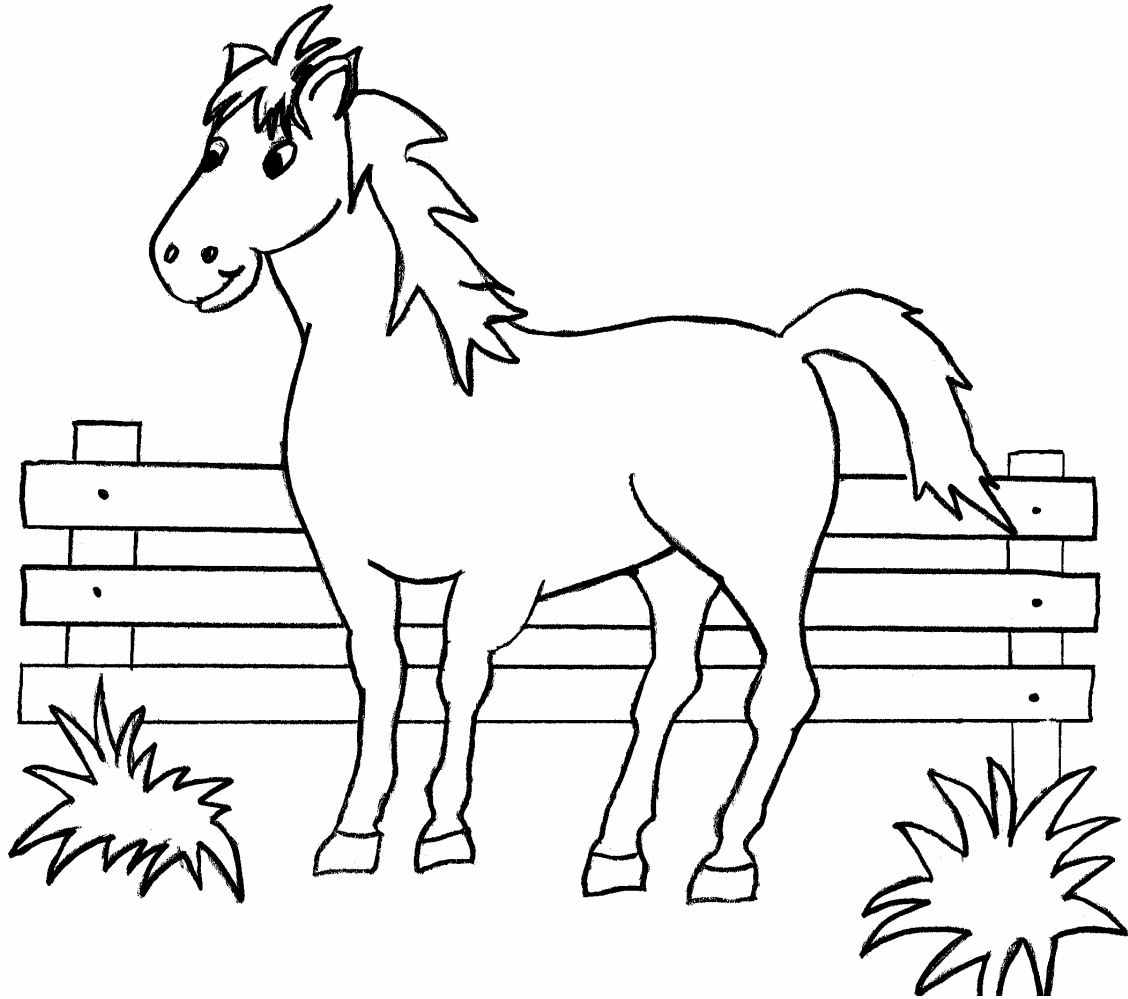
Some of my friends live in mobile homes and they have to leave their home and go to a safe place too! A mobile home is never a safe place to be during a tornado.



It seemed like I was hiding under my blanket forever, but I stayed there until the person on the NOAA all-hazards radio said it was safe to come out again.



We were lucky and the tornado stayed away from us this time, but you never know when it might hit your house so you should always be safe and go to your safe room.



Luckily all my friends made it home safe too! Now you know how to stay safe when there is a tornado and tell your friends how to stay safe too!

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