



Caisson Horses: A Safety Guide for Pedestrians and Drivers

Beginning in June, the U.S. Army will provide limited caisson support for funerals at Arlington National Cemetery. You may begin to see the caisson in training during your upcoming visit. This training is crucial to preparing the horses and soldiers for the sights, sounds and hilly terrain here at Arlington.

For those unfamiliar, a caisson is the traditional horse-drawn carriage carrying a service member's casket or urn and represents a powerful symbol of service, sacrifice and remembrance. The caisson team includes 7 horses, soldiers and their equipment.

We want to ensure a safe and respectful environment for everyone. As such, it's important that you not interact with Soldiers and horses, as this training is essential to their return to funeral operations.

Here are few additional important reminders during your visit when you see the caisson:

If you are walking:

- Admire the horses from a distance.
- Move calmly and slowly and be mindful of your surroundings.
- Avoid stepping out suddenly from behind cars or other objects as the horses are easily frightened by loud noises and quick movements.
- Be prepared to move out of the way, if necessary.
- Always pause and place your hand over your heart when you see the caisson with an American flag.
- Do not use flash photography or videography.



If you are driving:

- Do not exceed 5 miles per hour when driving around the caisson. Also be especially cautious driving around blind corners.
- If a caisson team approaches your vehicle, stop and allow the caisson team to pass.
- Never honk your horn.
- Never pass the caisson team if you are following behind.

The safety of our horses and soldiers is paramount. Your cooperation will ensure everyone has a safe and meaningful visit. We look forward to the return of the horse-drawn caisson within Arlington National Cemetery. For additional information, please visit our website.