

SAFETY FIRST:

- 1) Test drive your saddle and cinches in a smaller, enclosed space before venturing to open areas at different speeds.
- 2) Safely secure the keeper (the piece that connects the front and back cinch) connected to your back cinch to the D-Ring on the front cinch D-Ring. If your front cinch doesn't have a D-Ring, you'll want a new front cinch. If your keeper isn't connected correctly, your back cinch can turn into a flank strap, causing your perfect pony to buck as we see in the picture!
 - 3) Make sure that your back cinch keeper is adjusted so the back cinch lays straight down no matter what speed the horse is going.
- 4) Keep your back cinch is snug! When swatting at flies, going down hills, tripping or falling, if your back cinch is loose you risk your pony getting a hoof hung. The saddle can also bounce on the ponies back when loping making the cinch come up tight then loose repeatedly, which can be very irritating for them.
- 5) Cinches are aids in keeping the saddle in position, but CANNOT replace or fix a poor fitting saddle.
 - 6) Check your tack regularly to prevent issues!



Pony Pro Alumni, Kenzie Ross learns the hard way! Good thing she's a cowgirl!

