



## Tack Safety Checklist Saddles

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Screws	Check your screws, if you have a gullet plate saddle there will usually be internal and external screws they can become loose over time so may need tightening or replacing altogether.
Girth Straps	Leather and synthetic girth straps need to be checked for wear and tear. Cracks, stretched or uneven holes and loose stitching are all signs you might need your girth straps replaced.
Panels	Turn your saddle upside down and run your hands along the panel. Can you feel any dips, holes or bumps? If so, you need to get your saddle check booked in with your saddle fitter.
Stitching	It is important to check your stitching for rot, breakages or loose threads. If any part of your saddle is becoming unstitched it is easier to fix sooner rather than later
Stirrup Bar	Check that your stirrup bar is not bent inwards or outwards and that the safety catch is not stuck and can be easily moved in case of a fall.
Tree	Even if nothing has happened to your saddle it is best practice to check you saddles tree regularly.