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PROMOTING A SAFE WORKING ENVIRONMENT

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WILDLIFE SAFETY

PREVENT ENCOUNTERS WITH BEARS AND HAZARDOUS WILDLIFE.

Working in remote or semi-remote areas brings a unique set of safety risks—especially when it comes to wildlife. With bear activity on the rise in the summer months, it's essential that all workers are aware, prepared, and taking action to reduce the risk of dangerous wildlife encounters.

WHY THIS MATTERS

- **Bears, cougars, moose,** and even **rattlesnakes** can pose serious threats.
- Wildlife encounters can lead to injuries, project delays, and emergency evacuations.
- Following the correct safety procedures protects **you**, your **crew**, and the **animals**.

SAFETY TIPS FOR THE JOBSITE

PRE-PLANNING

- Review the site for known wildlife activity—ask the landowner or locals.
- Identify escape routes and safe shelter locations.
- Make sure first-aid kits include wildlife emergency items (e.g., bear spray, whistle, trauma kit).

ELIMINATE ATTRACTANTS

- **No food** left out—store in sealed containers.
- Use designated eating areas far from work zones.
- Dispose of food and garbage daily in wildlife-resistant bins.
- Keep coolers and food inside locked vehicles—not in open trucks.

BE AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS

- Watch for fresh tracks, scat, or other signs of wildlife.
- Stay alert during early mornings and late evenings—peak times for bear activity.
- Use the “buddy system” when walking in wooded or secluded areas.

MAKE NOISE

- Use radios, talk loudly, or carry a whistle when working in areas with limited visibility.
- Sudden human presence can startle animals, especially bears.

BEAR SPRAY

- Bear spray is required if you're working in known bear country.
- Know how to use it—**aim low, spray in a sweeping motion**, and **always check the expiry date**.
- Keep it **accessible**, not buried in your gear.

QUICK CHECKLIST

- Food stored properly
- Garbage secured daily
- Bear spray on hand (and you know how to use it)
- Working in pairs in wooded areas
- Jobsite clean at end of day

SITUATION	WHAT TO DO
Bear sees you but is not approaching	Stay calm. Back away slowly. Do not run. Speak calmly.
Bear approaches	Stand your ground. Make yourself look big. Use bear spray if it comes within 6 meters.
Cougar encounter	Make eye contact. Do not run. Yell loudly. Be aggressive. Throw rocks if needed.
Aggressive animal	Get to shelter or vehicle immediately and report the incident.
Any encounter	Report to supervisor and Safety Officer right away. Complete an incident report.

REMEMBER,, YOU ARE WORKING IN THEIR TERRITORY—RESPECT WILDLIFE