

WORKING IN WILDERNESS

Actsafe's Toolbox Talks are intended as an informational resource for employers and supervisors to use to deliver a safety talk on a specific subject. A toolbox talk can be an effective way of refreshing workers' knowledge of safe work procedures and sharing information with more experienced workers.

Working in wilderness

A wilderness area is a region where the land is in a natural state; where impacts from human activities are minimal. These areas are important because they provide long-term protection to the last of our nation's wild landscapes.

Try not to impact wilderness areas as they may:

- Support native plants and wild animals;
- Protect valuable water resources;
- Shelter ancient cultural artifacts;
- Provide opportunities for primitive recreation; and
- Maintain resiliency in the face of global climate change.

Keep in mind the following points while working in wilderness:

- Wild animals, insects, and pests will be around. Be aware of your surroundings;
- Do not attempt to feed or touch any wild animals;
- Do not drink water in the wilderness, such as lakes, streams, and rivers. Parasites and certain bacteria are found in surface water;
- Know what the First Aid plan is and who to contact for first aid. Ensure the plan it is efficient due the extended distance to hospital;
- Make sure to contact local rescue authorities such as Parks Canada or the RCMP to let them know where you will be filming;
- Make sure you check the weather conditions and dress appropriately for the weather;
- Production should have done a risk assessment, including an Avalanche Assessment, if applicable, and have prepared an emergency rescue plan tailored to your location and filming activity;
- Review your department's way to communicate or contact people outside of the location, you may need a short-wave radio or satellite cellphone.
- If you have any concerns about an insect or animal bite, contact your health care provider or call **8-1-1** to speak to a registered nurse.

Additional resources:

BC Wildlife Motion Picture Bulletin

https://www.actsafe.ca/department_type/locations/motion-picture-bulletin-british-columbia-wildlife/

Attendees (attach Sign-in Sheet if needed):

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