

Standard Operating Procedures

#AU 0016 Encounter with Wild Animals

Materials:

Prior to working in the field you will need to watch the provided departmental videos.

- Staying Safe in Bear Country Part 1
- Working in Bear Country Part 1

Whistle or air horn

Materials to Review:

Prevention/Precaution:

Do not wear perfumes or carry food that may be detected by an animal. Make noise as you move through wooded areas, which will generally alert animals to your presence and give them a chance to leave the area. Always travel with a buddy.

Procedure:

Do not approach an animal to get a better look. Slowly and quietly back away while watching the animal to make sure it isn't following you. If the animal continues to approach, drop any food you may be carrying and use your whistle or air horn as you continue to slowly back away. Contact the Ministry of Natural Resources immediately and notify them of the location of the animal. If the animal makes contact with you in any way, seek medical attention.

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