

SCOPE

This procedure will assist Woodlands employees in performing general fieldwork safely and effectively. Remember when in doubt to always ask your supervisor.

HAZARDS

- Slip, trip, and fall
- Drowning
- Animal encounters
- Road traffic incidents
- Heat/Cold injuries or emergencies
- Eye injury
- Sprains or strains
- Cuts, scrapes, bruises, penetrating injuries
- Allergic reaction
- Limited communication

PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- PPE (refer to safety equipment policy)
- Mandatory - Bear spray
- Mandatory - Personal first aid kit
- Mandatory - Communication devices (when working alone) – Radio and inReach

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Supervisors must ensure proper training and supervision.
- Employees must work in a safe manner and adhere to all policies, procedures, training and instructions provided when conducting work. An employee should always ask if they are unclear or uncomfortable with any direction received.
- All safety concerns, near misses, incidents, and equipment malfunction must be reported to their direct supervisor.

BEFORE HEADING TO THE FIELD

- Ensure adequate safety gear for the weather.
- Ensure adequate food and water for the day.
- Adhere to the appropriate check in procedures.

WHEN YOU GET TO THE WORKSITE

- Park your vehicle facing towards town.
- Be aware of potential hazards always when walking through the blocks.
- Never jump off obstacles, climb off instead. Be careful around blowdown trees as there is an increase chance of injury, as trees may be under tension.



- Be cautious with your footing when walking or climbing on bare rock and areas of high slash accumulation.
- Always be aware of your surroundings and the potential for an animal encounter. Never listen to music with earbuds while working in the woods.
- Never sit below fresh cut slopes or rock areas. Be aware of falling trees due to high winds.
- Maintain 3 points of contact with the ground when moving across steep slopes. Remember weather will increase the slipping potential. Always carry items on the downhill side, in the instance you fall toss the item as far as possible.
- Avoid crossing watercourses that are deep and fast flowing. Always look for the safest and narrowest point to cross.
- If using hand tools, ensure you have a proper demonstration.