

>> TOOLBOX TALK – Wildlife and Construction

Similar Seasons for Peak Activity

Spring, summer and fall are the peak seasons for construction. It is also the time when wildlife, such as bears, coyotes, foxes, moose, and caribou are more active. In construction, the chances of encountering such wildlife are greatly increased on new development sites close to areas that are (or were until recently) natural habitats.



Wildlife Can Be Dangerous

Although it might be exciting to see these animals, they can also pose a risk. Tips for staying safe include:

- Keeping your distance;
- Keeping the area clear of food;
- Making noise;
- Having a means of alerting others on the worksite; and
- Having an emergency response plan.

Protected Areas

Before planning work in an area where wildlife may be encountered, find out:

- Whether or not it is a protected area under provincial and/or federal legislation; and
- Whether or not permits and approvals must first be obtained.

Any Areas Where Wildlife May Be Present

Before starting work, learn about the types of animals you may encounter and how best to handle the situation.

- NLCSA provides valuable training and advice.
- Information can also be obtained from the staff at the provincial Department of Fisheries and Land Resources, along with their numerous wildlife publications.

NLCSA's Online Environmental Awareness Course

NLCSA's Online Environmental Awareness course includes modules on:

- Wildlife protection;
- Environmental permits and approvals;
- Emergency response plans; and
- Much more.

It is designed to enhance workers' knowledge and awareness concerning the environment with insight into regulatory requirements and best practices. For more information visit the training schedule on our website www.nlcsa.com or email info@nlcsa.com.

Complete and attach Toolbox Meeting Form and process as per company policy.



TOOLBOX MEETING FORM

Date: _____ Project: _____

Supervisor: _____ No. in Crew: _____ No. Attending: _____

Review Last Meeting:

	Names of Attendees (Signature Required)
Topics Discussed (policies, practices, procedures, hazard assessment):	
Suggestions Offered:	
Action(s) to be Taken:	
Injuries/Accidents Reviewed:	

Supervisor's Remarks: _____

Signature: _____