



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 to workers. Wildlife can create a distraction on the site and workers are also vulnerable to attacks. Some tips for staying safe while at work include:

- Keeping your distance;
- Keeping the area clear of food;
- Keeping garbage and refuse secured;
- 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.

Wildlife Present in Area

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

- Develop safe work practices and emergency response plans specific to the wildlife likely to be encountered.
- Information can also be obtained from the staff at the provincial Department of Fisheries and Land Resources, Wildlife Division, 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.