



Short Safety Subject

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Hiking And Hunting Safety

Hiking and hunting are both excellent sports to spend off duty time doing, but all too often people get caught out in woods unprepared for nature's worst.

- Always let someone know where you are going and when you will be back.
- Take a friend or partner, the buddy system is the best way to enjoy nature.
- Have a basic survival kit. Things to include are: A Knife, Matches, Rope, Water, Compass, Mirror, Whistle, Flashlight, Emergency Blanket, and High Calorie Foods
- Mark your trail whenever possible or make mental notes of your whereabouts in relation to a fixed object (i.e. a mountain, stream, power lines, etc..)
- Bring clothing for nature's changes; rain gear is always a sure bet.
- Remain calm if you get lost, panicking can put yourself in further danger. Stay put and collect your thoughts; try to remember your trail. If it gets dark, seek shelter and use your survival kit.

Hunting – Listed below are several safety tips to make hunting an enjoyable experience that you'll live to do again and again:

- Treat every gun as if loaded
- Always maintain muzzle control of your firearms; keep the barrel pointed in a safe direction away from other people.
- Never carry a loaded firearm in a vehicle.
- Do not shoot your firearm in the direction of buildings or populated areas to include livestock.
- Always be sure of your target, do not shoot at noises in the brush, it could be your hunting buddy.
- Wear hunter orange out in the field, check your local state hunting regulations for the requirements.
- Dress for extreme weather conditions, it is usually raining or snowing during hunting season, so be prepared.
- Have a basic survival kit with you.
- Use the buddy system and hunt with a partner.