



INDUSTRY SAFETY ALERT

Bear encounters reported throughout BC

Details: A company with operations in BC's coastal and interior regions is reporting an unusual number of bear encounters for their field workers this year - including both black bears and grizzly bears.

One person was charged by a grizzly, there have been numerous run-ins with sows and their cubs, as well as coming upon cubs up in trees.

It's a good reminder for those working in the woods to review wildlife encounter procedures and confirm that field workers carry bear spray, test it and ensure that it's readily available.



When working in the field, maintain awareness of your surroundings at all times and be able to recognize the signs of bear activity.



If there is evidence of a bear in the area, you may need to change your course of direction or leave the area all together.

BC Forest Safety offers helpful resources designed to help field workers avoid conflicts with wildlife. Click [here](#) to access more information.

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