

# Safety Talk Handout on Bears



## **BENEFITS**

Workers who work outside in industries such as construction, mining, forestry and park management face safety hazards that indoor workers don't face, such as the risk of attacks by bears. If your workers are at risk of encountering bears on the job, you have a duty to protect them from possible attacks. For example, you should train workers on how to avoid encounters with bears and what to do if they do run into or are attacked by a bear.

## **HOW TO USE THE TOOL**

Adapt this handout, which is based on material from the BC Municipal Safety Association, for your operations and OHS program, and the requirements in your jurisdiction's OHS laws on protecting workers from wild animals. Give it to workers as part of a safety talk to educate them on bear encounters.

## **OTHER RESOURCES:**

**BC Municipal Safety Association**

**Protecting Outdoor Workers from Insects & Wild Animals**

**Bear Safety Training Checklist**