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PUBLIC SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT ~ MAY 22 - 24, 2021

The primary reasons outdoor enthusiasts need help from search and rescue this time of year in British Columbia are from being **lost or disorientated, injury, exceeding their abilities (i.e slips & falls)**.

Ensure that you:

- Can analyze terrain and use a map/compass.
- Understand and recognize weather patterns.
- Can administer first aid in case of an emergency.
- Know your limits (physically and mentally) and stay within it.
- Check the weather before heading out.



What Should You Do in an Emergency? S.T.O.P. – Stop, Think, Observe, Plan, Then ACT!

Who and When Should You Call in an Emergency? Your FIRST ACTION should be to call 911 – let authorities know you're in need of rescue. The 911 operator will dispatch police or RCMP and the policing agency will task the local search and rescue group in your region.

ADVENTURE TIP: Download the [AdventureSmart Trip Plan](#) app so that you can easily create trip plans and send them to your family and friends. The app is available **free** of charge.



Heading outdoors this long weekend? Start at [@BCAdvSmart](#) and [AdventureSmart.ca](#)

Many incidents are preventable, strategize for success & your intentions will make a difference for you and our search and rescue volunteers.

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Provincial Support:

BC Search and Rescue Association

"BC Search and Rescue Association's 2,500 members are ready to help you, free of charge, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. This long weekend we encourage you to heed BC AdventureSmart's messages; make a plan, leave a plan, S.T.O.P in case of an emergency and call 911, ASAP, if you need search and rescue.



Jennifer Rice, Parliamentary Secretary for Emergency Preparedness

"I encourage all British Columbians to have fun this long weekend and enjoy some time in the outdoors in your community, but make sure you do it safely," said Jennifer Rice, Parliamentary Secretary for Emergency Preparedness. "A little information and preparation can make all the difference in having a safe and enjoyable long weekend with your loved ones. Before you head out, go online and check out PreparedBC and AdventureSmart to get all the information you need to have a safe and fun time in B.C.'s beautiful outdoors."



Louise Pedersen, Outdoor Recreation Council of British Columbia

"Outdoor Recreation Council of BC says the May long weekend is for many the official beginning of a summer of taking part in a variety of outdoor recreation activities and exploring our beautiful province. With British Columbians continuing to stay close to home, expect to see more people out and about. Recreate responsibly to keep yourself and others safe and healthy, and be mindful of your impact on public lands, waters and local communities."



Sergeant Peter DeVries, North Vancouver Royal Canadian Mounted Police

"In May each year, local residents, visitors from other Canadian communities, and tourists visiting Canada, head into the North Shore mountains for day hikes and camping trips. The trails that wind through world-renowned natural beauty, up steep mountainsides, and down through pristine valleys are breathtaking. But they are also dangerous. We answer many calls each year for people who become lost, injured, and sadly, who sometimes lose their lives just a few short kilometers from the city. We want to remind the public: do not underestimate the risks. Follow the good advice, guidance, and resources provided by BC AdventureSmart and others, and make sure you stay safe."

