



# WILDSAFE RANGERS

The WildSafe Ranger Program complements the BC Science K-9 Curriculum. Students explore:

- The habitat needs of wildlife
- The root causes of conflicts and their impacts
- Ways they can reduce conflict
- How they can stay safe in wildlife country



The BC Conservation Foundation is a not-for-profit, registered charity that has been working in BC since 1969.

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To report wildlife in conflict contact the Conservation Officer Service at

1.877.952.7277

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## WILDSAFEBC PROGRAM



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**WildSafeBC is the provincial leader in preventing conflict with wildlife through collaboration, education and community solutions.**

## OUR STORY

Since 1969, the BC Conservation Foundation has been dedicated to the continued conservation and stewardship of BC's natural resources, including fish, wildlife and their habitats. It continues this work today as a registered charity and partners with a variety of organizations, governments and industry in conservation projects.

In 1998, BCCF expanded the successful Revelstoke Bear Aware Program throughout the province. In response to the growing need for education on reducing conflict with species other than bears, the program evolved into WildSafeBC in 2013.

## WHAT ARE HUMAN-WILDLIFE CONFLICTS?

Human-wildlife conflicts are negative interactions with wildlife that can have serious consequences for both people and wildlife.

Every year there are over 30,000 calls to the Conservation Officer Service regarding conflicts with wildlife.



## PARTNERSHIPS

WildSafeBC receives funding from the Province of BC, municipalities, regional districts, First Nations, private businesses, a variety of grants as well as public donations. WildSafeBC collaborates with its funding partners to achieve common goals in human-wildlife conflict reduction.



## COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS

WildSafeBC works with various organizations on effective strategies and solutions to reduce human-wildlife conflicts. This includes our Business Pledge and Bare Campsite Program. We also support communities in achieving the 6 criteria of the Bear Smart Community Program.



## COURSES AND LEARNING

WildSafeBC provides online courses to assist residents and visitors in accessing training on wildlife awareness and safety. In-person bear spray workshops are also offered in communities covered by a WildSafeBC Community Program.



## EDUCATION

Increased knowledge about wildlife and conflict mitigation strategies, allows people to make better informed decisions in BC wherever they **live, work, play** and **grow**. We use the following effective education strategies:

- WildSafe Ranger Program for youth
- Workshops on local wildlife and bear spray use
- Booths at community events
- Door-to-door canvassing
- Attractant management education
- Outreach campaigns
- Brochure distribution
- Signage and posters
- Social and traditional media

