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SAFETY TIPS DURING HUNTING SEASON

In the Pacific Northwest, many enjoy the great outdoors while hiking, camping, or hunting. Whether you are a seasoned hunter or just starting out, safety should always be the top priority. Before you grab your gear and start your next adventure, check out the hunting safety tips below.

Tip for Hunters:

- Check the weather and plan accordingly.
- Tell someone where you will be hunting and when you will return. Leave a written plan at home and in your vehicle.
- Be familiar with the area and plan for local hazards.
- Consider using technology such as a handheld GPS, cellphone apps that use GPS, personal locating beacons (PLBs), or satellite messengers. These can help searchers find you if you are lost or injured.
- Avoid wearing white or tan during hunting seasons. Wear hunter orange and make sure it is viewable from all directions.
- If accompanied by a dog, the dog should also wear hunter orange or a very visible color on a vest, leash, coat, or bandana.
- Check hunting equipment before and after each outing and maintain it properly. Familiarize yourself with its operation before using it in the field.
- Always bring rain gear and additional clothing. Use layering techniques to prevent moisture while retaining body warmth.
- Carry a first aid kit and know how to use it.
- Clearly identify your target before shooting to prevent accidents or fatalities.

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- Be alert when hunting near developed areas and trails. Other recreationists are in the forest as well.

Tips for Outdoor Enthusiasts:

- Wear bright clothing to make yourself more visible. Choose colors that stand out, like red, orange, or bright green, and avoid white, black, brown, earth-toned greens, or animal-colored clothing. Orange vests and hats are best.
- Protect your dog. Get an orange vest for them.
- Be courteous. Once a hunter is aware of your presence, don't make unnecessary noise to disturb wildlife and avoid confrontations.
- Make yourself known. If you do hear shooting, raise your voice, and let hunters know that you are in the area.
- Know when hunting seasons are. You may choose to continue to hike but learn where and when hunting is taking place. Consider hiking midday when wild game and hunting activity is at its lowest.
- Know your own comfort level. If hunting makes you uneasy, choose a hiking location where hunting is not allowed, such as a national or state park.

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