



CALL OF THE WETLAND – SAFETY GUIDELINES

Call of the wetland wants to ensure both human and amphibian safety; please abide by the following program guidelines:

- Always go out in pairs, no lone rangers in this program please;
- No dogs;
- Do not enter the water, but walk around the edge and position yourself in a safe distance from the water edge for call surveys.
- Always look where you are going and be aware of your surroundings, there are hazards such as barbed wire and holes to look out for.
- Please check your-self for ticks after visiting a wetland
- Do not touch the amphibians, do not pick up frogs, disturb egg masses or capture tadpoles. Remember amphibians breathe partially through their skin and insect repellent, suntan lotion and other chemicals found on your hands can be harmful. It is illegal to touch a sensitive species such as the Northern leopard frog.
- Avoid taking selfies with amphibians
- Avoid disturbing or moving cover objects, such as rocks, logs, and other debris.
- If you see a number of dead amphibians, make sure you remove mud and disinfect (with a 10% bleach diluted solution for 15 minutes) any item (rubber boots) that has come into contact with the wetland so we do not inadvertently spread diseases between wetlands. Remember to rinse well with water after bleaching and allow items to dry before surveying another wetland.
 - If you travel outside of Calgary with your gear, please disinfect gear before and after travel
- If you observe a mass die off of amphibians please notify the local project coordinator who will pass the information along to City of Calgary, and the provincial wildlife staff.
- Be aware of weather conditions, if it seems unsafe, do not conduct the survey.