

Before you venture into areas where wildlife is present, remember to keep safety top of mind.

Before you leave:

- Make sure a friend or family member knows where you plan to hunt and when you plan to return. Put plans in writing, leaving one with a friend and one on your vehicle.
- Check the weather before you leave. Weather can change rapidly.
- Familiarize yourself with the terrain. Make sure you know the area where you will be hunting.

Pack accordingly:

- Dress and pack appropriately. Be sure to check state and local requirements for high visibility attire for you and any canine companions.
- Carry a First Aid kit and familiarize yourself with how to use it. While no one plans to
- get hurt while enjoying the outdoors, it does happen. Be prepared with necessary First Aid items.

Stay alert:

- Always be alert of your surroundings and what others in your party are doing.
- Clearly identify your target before discharging your firearm.

**The more of these precautions you follow,
the safer your hunting trip will be.**

Source: USDA