

Hunting Safety Checklist Canada 2026

Use this before a scouting day, firearm season, guided hunt, or remote backcountry trip.

Rules and Licence Check

- Province or territory checked today
- Season, WMU/zone, species, tag, reporting, and blaze-orange rules confirmed
- Land access, park rules, and local restrictions reviewed

Firearm and Bow Safety

- Treat every firearm as loaded
- Muzzle stays in a safe direction
- Finger off trigger until ready
- Identify target, foreground, and backstop

Visibility and Partners

- Wear required high-visibility clothing
- Confirm partner positions before moving
- Use clear signals and avoid skyline shots

CanadaFever.com - Verify official provincial, territorial, federal, and local rules before any hunt.

Field Movement and Wildlife Safety

A safe hunt is planned around terrain, weather, animals, people, and the exit route.

Route Plan

- Mark parking, trailhead, stand, pickup, and emergency exit
- Share route and return time with someone at home
- Carry map, compass/GPS, headlamp, and backup power

Wildlife Distance

- Do not approach young animals, dens, feeding areas, or carcasses
- Watch wind, sound, and line of sight in bear country
- Avoid pushing wildlife toward roads, homes, or other hunters

Weather and Cold

- Pack layers for the slowest part of the day
- Plan for wet feet, cold hands, and sudden darkness
- Turn around before fatigue makes decisions for you

Emergency Prep and Trip Review

Small safety habits matter most when the day changes fast.

Emergency Kit

- First aid
- Fire starter
- Whistle
- Headlamp
- Water
- Food
- Knife/tool only where legal and appropriate
- Emergency contact plan

After the Hunt

- Unload and secure firearms before transport/storage
- Record location, conditions, sign, and safety concerns
- Complete required harvest/reporting steps

Review Notes

- What rule changed?
- What safety issue appeared?
- What gear failed?
- What should be fixed before the next trip?