

# Mapping – safety & preparation

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# Safety

- Is it an issue?

# Heat and cold

- State Forests & National Parks are usually formally closed if its too hot



# Hunters

- Allowed in State Forests & National Parks



# Cuts, sprains & breaks



# Snakes



# Wild dogs



# Falls – NZ Herald last weekend

**Nelson doctor checking over orienteering course  
plummets 10m on to dead animals**

"We found this site where we were planning to put a (orienteering) control so went down to put my little tag there and lo and behold it turned into a bit bigger than a little depression."

Dr Clendon was carrying a personal locator beacon in her backpack and set it off, and then put on some warm clothes. And while she waited for help, she bandaged her knee.



# Driving



# ONSW Manual – 4.13 Event Safety

## 2.1 Safety of Officials

Before, during and after the competition time, the mapper, course planner, controller and other officials need to be cognisant of their own safety. This should include the following:

- Undertaking activities in a manner appropriate for the weather conditions (consider both hot and cold weather).
- Taking a whistle (if this is expected of competitors on the area).
- If no one else is on the map, leave a map with a responsible person indicating where you will be, plus expected time of return.
- Take a mobile or satellite phone and/or a PLB with you.
- If you are in the forest, where shooters might be present or in an area with vehicle traffic, high visibility clothing should be worn.
- If working with others, know where each other will be working, expected time to meet, etc.

# PLBs, phone apps, etc

- See Bushwalking Wilderness Rescue Squad [website](#)
- iPhone free app – gives emergency service your GPS co-ordinates - [website](#)

# Hunting on public land

- [List of State Forests](#) – some overlap with orienteering areas – general public hunting
- National Parks – [supplementary pest control](#) – no current overlap with orienteering areas – likely to be formally closed

# Preparation

Take:

- Usual bushwalking gear: clothes, food, water, first aid kit, hat, sunscreen etc
- PLB, mobile phone...
- Mapping board, pencils, rubber, compass, GPS (or computer?)
- Drafting film – buy at art supply shop, tape basemap onto drafting film & then tape onto your board



# Preparation - cartographer

If someone else is drawing up your fieldwork

- Ensure they understand your fieldwork early on