



# Learn To Return™

## Wilderness Safety Leader

*Wildlife Injury Prevention and Worker Protection*

*Program is taught to OSHA 1926.21 (b) (4) and ANSI/ASSE Z490.1-2009*

### Program Details

#### Class Time:

8am—5pm

#### Class Size:

16 Students

### Registration

For registration information please call our office at (907) 563-4463 or e-mail [LTRoffice@alaska.net](mailto:LTRoffice@alaska.net)

### Please Bring

Closed toe shoes

Comfortable clothing

Clothing for conditions

Hat, gloves, boots, etc.

Water bottle



**Additional training and considerations must be taken when work is conducted under the Marine Mammal Protection Act**

### Program Information

The 40 hour HSE curriculum is a consolidation of standardized modules that deal with the responsibilities of guiding, maintaining, and protecting field crews during remote operations. While the program instructs the use of firearms for defense, the major emphasis of the program is protecting humans from wildlife in a manner that results in doing no harm to the wildlife encountered. WSL responsibilities include strategies for navigating difficult terrain, thick vegetation, moving water, hypothermia, blister management, and trauma response.



### Bear Guard Training

Understanding the roles and responsibilities of being a Safety Professional is paramount to effectively guard clients. Training begins with HSE protocols and requirements of the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game and the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Students are taught animal behavior, risk assessment, and protective methods, to include: the use of bear spray, sound devices, electric fences, firearm deterrent cartridges, and lethal force. Training includes two firearm qualification sessions where safety, decision making, tactical shooting, and accuracy are formally evaluated. Training culminates with a field exercise where students play the part of a WSL on duty guiding workers through field exercises.



### Medical Training

Wilderness first-aid procedures are integral to the WSL position and the skills vital for field operations. Attendees receive certifications in Wilderness First Aid, CPR/AED and Pathogen protection. Emphasis is on long term patient management, communication with base, and the use of improvised splints and litters for patient movement. Students are required to practice cleaning small wounds and conduct an evacuation of a simulated injured worker in the program.



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