

## Worker Injured by Feeding a Coyote

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#### Description of Incident:

An oil and gas worker in British Columbia was bitten by a coyote after attempting to feed it. Administrative actions to the two companies involved were taken by the British Columbia Conservation Officer Service.

#### What Caused It:

The intentional feeding of dangerous wildlife, placing of attractants for the purpose of feeding or attracting dangerous wildlife, and the placing of attractants (not secured) in an area where dangerous wildlife frequent is prohibited under the Wildlife Act in BC. Dangerous wildlife include the following animals: grizzly bears, black bears, cougars, wolves, and coyotes.

In most cases these species avoid human contact, but when there is a food reward they can become food conditioned and eventually human habituated to the point where a very serious human safety concern can arise.

The British Columbia Conservation Officer Service would like to remind the oil and gas industry that feeding dangerous wildlife can result in serious injuries to humans, potential investigations, convictions and monetary penalties if found guilty.

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