



HOW TO MINIMIZE HEALTH AND SAFETY RISKS IF YOU FIND TRAFFICKED WILDLIFE

FOLLOW YOUR COMPANY'S HEALTH AND SAFETY
PROTOCOL FIRST.



ASSESS

Assess the potential hazards and determine the level of risk: is the animal alive, dead, preserved, or tranquilized? Could it be dangerous? Live animals are high risk; dead animals may still be hazardous especially as a disease carrier. Dead animal parts are usually lower risk but still need to be handled with care, avoiding direct contact.



REPORT

Alert your supervisor and any known experienced professionals who are trained to handle trafficked wildlife.



PROTECT

As a last resort, if you have no choice but to handle the wildlife or wildlife products, make sure your supervisor is informed, you have someone else present as backup, and that you are well protected; wear available safety items such as protective gloves, safety glasses, and plastic overalls.



SECURE

Secure the wildlife or wildlife products in an empty box. For live wildlife, ventilate box (create holes in the box if there aren't any). Ensure the box is closed and secure. Use a closed, secure, ventilated and empty room if possible. An empty room allows for quicker recovery of live wildlife if they escape a container.



WAIT

Wait and allow trained professionals to deal with the wildlife or wildlife products. In handling them you may be tampering with legal evidence or creating health risks.



CLEAN

Make sure you protect yourself and those around you by ensuring you clean your hands after handling any wildlife and clean any surfaces it may have come into contact with.