

Bear spray practice checklist

Use inert practice cans only: they spray like the real thing, with no pepper. Practise outdoors, with everyone upwind of the person spraying. Follow the maker's instructions for the practice can.

You need: inert practice cans; each worker's own holster and their real can, for checking only; a target on the ground (a pylon or a flag) about 6 m away; work gloves.

1 Check your real can

Do not spray it

- ☐ Expiry date: in date
- ☐ Safety clip in place, moves freely
- ☐ Transport tie removed
- ☐ No dents, rust or leaks
- ☐ Holster holds the can firmly and lets it come out fast
- ☐ Worn on the belt or chest, same side every day

2 Draw drill

Practice can in your holster, gloves on

- ☐ Draw the can and pull the clip, three times, in under 2 seconds each
- ☐ Do it once with your other hand

3 Spray drill

- ☐ From standing, draw, clear the clip and put a short burst low in front of the target
- ☐ A second short burst as if the bear keeps coming
- ☐ Once with the wind from the side, adjusting your aim

4 Talk it through

- ☐ Where your crew's spray is carried in deep cold
- ☐ What to do in a defensive attack, and in a predatory one
- ☐ What happens after an encounter: get clear, call, report

Record

Worker	Draw under 2 s	Spray drill	Date

Practice run by

Signature

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