



## Top 5 Tips for Photography Safety

### 1. Watch the Ground

No matter where you are standing, be sure to watch the ground. It's not uncommon for photographers to walk forwards and backwards with their camera to their face, trying to get the perfect distance for the shot. Watch for tripping hazards! Injuries happen when you least expect them.

### 2. Keep Your Distance

When taking pictures with animals present, always keep your distance! Use your zoom lens if needed and do not approach wildlife. This is for your safety and the animals too.

### 3. Plan for Weather

When out on a trip, even if you're just going for an hour or two, always plan for all kinds of weather. Forecasts can be wrong, and weather can change quickly. Electrical storms may be particularly dangerous. Remember- if thunder roars, go indoors!

### 4. Watch for Traffic

Sometimes, you may get very involved in taking a picture and lose track of where you are standing/walking. Watch for vehicle traffic in areas that may have regular vehicle use. Park on the side of a road and check to make sure it is safe before you exit your vehicle.

### 5. Follow Posted Rules

Rules still apply, even when taking that perfect shot! Follow all posted rules of access to areas of concern. Stay clear of water bodies and lakes – it is safer to take pictures from the firm ground. Water bodies pose several risks and hazards that should be avoided.