

NEW MEXICO TECH FIELD CAMP FIELD SAFETY

“Use common sense” in your field activities. Beyond that general *caveat* observe the following rules. They are intended to assure your safety and that of others around you. You are expected to conform to these rules at all times.

1. **Stay with your field partner.** At all times be within sight or hearing distance of your partner.
2. Wear eye protection when using rock hammers and chisels.
3. Do not strike one rock hammer with another.
4. Do not strike heavy blows when others are nearby.
5. Do not throw rocks or roll boulders from cliffs and hillsides.
6. Do not walk or climb above others on steep terrain.
7. Avoid steep slopes with unstable footing
8. Do not climb rocks or cliffs beyond your capabilities.
9. Do not climb fences. A slip on barbed wire can produce serious injury.
10. Firearms are prohibited at field camp
11. Do not enter active or abandoned mines and quarries unless given explicit permission to do so.
12. Do not swim unaccompanied.
13. If fire danger levels are high as they are many years, **smoking and fires in the field will be strictly prohibited.** In some locales your instructors may authorize smoking.
14. During electrical storms, avoid exposed areas, ridge and mountaintops, lone trees and the like. Move down and into covered areas, but away from tree trunks. If in an open area, crouch with feet together (do not lie) in the lowest depression available. Physically remove yourself from rods, and poles.
15. Avoid domestic animals and wildlife.
16. Rattlesnakes are active at elevations usually below 8,000 ft. during periods of moderate temperature. As midday temperatures increase, snakes will seek shady spots to remain cool. Know where your feet will fall with each step.
17. Pets will not be permitted during the field course.
18. **Do not leave litter in the field.** This includes cigarette butts, should the smoking prohibition be relaxed.
19. Alcoholic beverages will not be permitted in the field, in dormitories, or in Tech vehicles.
20. The use of private vehicles is not permitted during the conduct of geological exercises.
21. Don't drink from lakes, streams, or springs.
22. Personal stereos are not to be used in the field.
23. During travel and while camping, **remain with the group.** Inform staff of your whereabouts.

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FIELD ETIQUETTE**

1. Respect property:
 - a. Travel only on land for which you have permission.
 - b. Leave all gates as you find them.
 - c. Do not disturb property of ranchers, archaeological or historical sites.
 - d. Do not harass livestock.
 - e. Do not climb fences. Barbed wire fences will be “broken down” by climbing. If at all possible, do not cross fences except at gates. If there is no gate, cross through or under barbed wire fences.
2. Do not damage vegetation. Use your rock hammer only when necessary and minimize damage to outcrops. In some parts of the country, geological field excursions are the principle cause of environmental damage.
3. Remove all rock from highway shoulders and lanes.
4. Pack it in, pack it out. Do not litter.
5. Human waste must be buried in a hole at least 2 feet deep. Human waste should not be delivered in watershed areas for domestic water supplies.
6. Do not operate motor vehicles off of established roadways.