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SAFETY BRIEFING TEMPLATE OANS Orienteering Events

Welcome! I would like to acknowledge that today's event is taking place in Mi'kma'ki, the traditional and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq people. We are honoured to share this space, and can show our gratitude by enjoying it to its fullest and treating it with care as our indigenous communities have done for thousands of years.

Here are a few notes about safety to be aware of for today's event:

Please remember to carry a **whistle, compass** and **timepiece** with you. Your whistle should be **only** if you are injured on the course, or if you are so lost that you cannot find your way back without assistance. In these cases, you will use three whistle blasts, repeating this until someone comes to assist you. If you **hear** three whistle blasts, please remember this means you need to respond, as that person needs help and you could be the only person who hears them.

If you are lost and decide to abandon the course, the safety bearing is [insert]. This bearing will take you to [provide explanation of how to get to the finish using the safety bearing].

The time limit on the course is [insert]. This means that if you are on your course longer than this time, your result will not count, even if you get all of the controls. If you notice that you are over time, please return to the finish and check in.

The course closing time is [insert]. At the course closing time, organizers will start picking up controls. If you have not returned to the finish by the course closing time, a search will be started.

PLEASE ENSURE YOU RETURN TO THE FINISH AND CHECK IN, even if you have not completed your course. This will help prevent a search that is not needed.

[Also point out first aiders/first aid tent, and note additional safety considerations: e.g. hazards on course such as poisonous plants, known bee hives, road crossings, out of bounds sections, private property, dangerous areas, slippery rocks, steep hills, etc.]

If you haven't already, please Clear and Check now before you start.

Most importantly, have fun!