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Sled Dog Safety in Territorial Parks

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Iqaluit

Sled dog teams are a common sight around our territorial parks. For the safety of Nunavummiut, please adhere to the following guidelines when encountering a dog team:

- **Safe pathway:** Keep yourself and dog teams safe by keeping a distance of at least 30 meters (100 ft) when on foot, skidooing, skiing, or hiking.
- **Dogs on leash:** if you have a pet with you, ensure it is leashed and maintain a distance of 50 meters (160 ft) from dog teams.
- **Driving guidelines:** if you encounter a dog team on the road, stop your vehicle and allow them to pass, or, if passing is necessary, do so slowly and with maximum space.
- **Snowmobile/ATV etiquette:** on trails, slow down and provide a buffer of at least 30 meters (100 ft) when passing dog teams.
- **Avoid distractions:** do not call out to, attract, or distract the dog team in any manner.

Nunavut Parks and Special Places, along with the Iqaluit Qimussiqtiit Katimajingit, thank you for your cooperation in preserving this important activity and ensuring a safe experience for Nunavummiut.

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