

# WELCOME TO LAS CAMPANAS OBSERVATORY

## HEALTH AND SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

Before starting your tour of the site, we would like to inform you about some of the risks you may encounter during your stay at Las Campanas Observatory (LCO). Your health and safety are of the utmost importance to us. If you feel sick or are injured during your visit, let us know as soon as possible.

- You are in the Andes mountains, a rugged region of Chile. Stay aware of what is around you, wear closed and resistant shoes at all times, dress in layers to ensure protection from the cold and wind, do not try to climb or walk through unprotected areas or leave the confines or boundaries of the site, and avoid feeding the local fauna. During the night hours, always carry a flashlight.
- This is an active professional scientific site. Use all safety equipment provided by LCO, stay within the authorized areas, follow all instructions of your guides, obey all signs and do not touch or climb any machinery or material stored on the Site.
- The observatory is at an approximate altitude of 2,400 meters (8,000 feet). Altitude can be dangerous (1) for people with heart and respiratory problems (including those suffering from severe colds), divers, sick, pregnant or obese people, and (2) due to exposure to strong ultraviolet radiation. During your visit, stay hydrated (recommended intake of 2 liters of water per day), walk slowly and breathe deeply, if you feel dizzy, sit down and inform your guide immediately. Cover all exposed parts of your body with a sunscreen of at least SPF 50 and protect your eyes with sunglasses during the day.
- The symptoms of altitude sickness include difficulty speaking, abnormal coordination of muscles, lack of balance, impaired vision, extreme drowsiness, inability to make decisions, severe headaches, nausea, vomiting, difficulty breathing and severe cough. If you or a fellow traveler experiences any of these symptoms, notify us immediately.
- **EMERGENCIES:** Stay calm, notify us immediately (especially if there are people injured or damage to the property) and follow all the instructions from your guide.
- **NATURAL DISASTERS AND FIRES:** Meet in the identified security zone. In case of earthquakes, move away from windows, power lines, gas lines, precipices, and hill slopes.

- **EMERGENCY CONTACT:** In case of an emergency, please call the paramedic and the mountain manager on duty. From any landline phone on the site, just dial the extension (last 3 digits):

Paramedic: 51-2203-672

Francesco di Mille: 51-2203-647 / 956792784

Marcelo Rodríguez: 51-2203-660 / 992218015

Sergio Véliz: 51-2203-629 / 998790068

Duty Officers:

Juan Espoz Navarro: 51-2203-615 / 985011615

Emilio Cerda: 51-2203-646 / 944319599

- The use of tobacco at the Las Campanas Observatory is prohibited, except in designated areas. Alcohol can only be consumed on site during authorized events. The use of all illegal drugs is strictly prohibited.

*We hope you enjoy the visit to our facilities, following the indicated guidelines.*