BEAR SAFETY

A BLACK BEAR HAS BEEN VISITING YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

**Please do your part to prevent repeat visits.
Bears can smell food up to a mile away.
Outdoor pet food, ripe fruit, bird feeders
and food trash will attract bears into the area.
Please remove all food resources from your property.
Keep food waste secured, and <u>wait until the morning of trash pickup</u> to move your cans to the curbside.**

If you see a bear, do not turn or run away.
Make yourself appear large, and back away slowly.

For more information contact
Pasadena Humane Society & SPCA
626/792-7151
wildlife@phsspca.org

Stash Your Food and Trash

Allowing wild animals access to human food and garbage is reckless and deadly.

Bears and other animals are attracted to anything edible or smelly.

- Store garbage in bear-proof containers, or store garbage in your garage until pick-up
- Keep food indoors or in airtight and odor-free containers
- Put away picnic leftovers; clean BBQ grills
- Keep pet food inside, and bird feeders away
- Pick up fallen tree fruit as soon as possible, or protect fruit trees with electric fencing
- Remove cosmetic fragrances and other attractants, including bird feeders and compost piles
- Install or request bear-proof trash containers

When wild animals are allowed to feed on human food and garbage, they lose their natural ways – often resulting in death for the animal.

Please respect and protect wild animals.
Keep them wild.

www.keepmewild.org

For More Information
Contact the California Department of Fish and Game (DFG)

Sacramento Headquarters – (916) 653-6420

Northern California, North Coast Region
Redding – (530) 225-2300

Sacramento Valley, Central Sierra Region
Rancho Cordova – (916) 358-2900

Central Coast Region
Napa – (707) 944-5500

San Joaquin Valley, Southern Sierra Region
Fresno – (559) 243-4005 ext. 151

South Coast Region
San Diego – (858) 467-4201

Eastern Sierra, Inland Deserts Region
Ontario – (909) 484-0167

Alternate communication methods are available upon request. If reasonable accommodation is needed, contact the Department of Fish and Game, (916) 653-6420, lbernard@dfg.ca.gov, or the California Relay Service serving deaf and hearing-impaired residents using TTY/TDD phones, and speech-impaired callers, at (800) 735-2929.

KEEP ME WILD™

A campaign for all wild animals.

KEEP ME WILD™

Feeding Wildlife is Dead Wrong.

RESOURCES AGENCY CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT FISH & GAME

California Department of Fish and Game

Wild Animals Ruined, Even Killed by People's Carelessness!

Wild animals are in trouble, and the problem is people: our carelessness and irresponsibility with food and garbage.

Black bears, coyotes and other wild animals are increasing in California's wild habitats, alongside our own expanding communities.

Wild animals naturally fear humans, keep their distance and will not bother you, so long as they remain fully wild. But if they lose their wildness, their behavior changes.

If black bears are mistreated by people who give them access to human food and garbage, they rapidly become addicted. They lose caution and fear. They cause property damage. They might threaten human safety. They might be killed.

Please prevent deadly conflicts with our wildlife.

KEEP ME WILD™

Bear Country Precautions

- Keep a close watch on children, and teach them what to do if they encounter a bear.
- While hiking, make noise to avoid a surprise encounter with a bear.
- Never keep food in your tent.
- Store food and toiletries in bear-proof containers or in an airtight container in the trunk of your vehicle.
- Keep a clean camp by cleaning up and storing food and garbage immediately after meals.
- Use bear-proof garbage cans whenever possible or store your garbage in a secure location with your food.
- Never approach a bear or pick up a bear cub.
- If you encounter a bear, do not run; instead, face the animal, make noise and try to appear as large as possible.
- If attacked, fight back.
- If a bear attacks a person, immediately call 911.

If in doubt about what to do, ask your local Fish and Game warden, park ranger, or wildlife biologist. Or visit our Web site:

www.keepmewild.org

Stash Your Food and Trash

Bear-Proof Containers

A variety of bear-proof food containers and garbage can enclosures are available. Visit www.keepmewild.org for more information.

Bear Feeding Laws

It is illegal to feed bears in California.
Penalties may include a fine and/or jail time.

You Can Help

Please visit www.keepmewild.org for downloadable posters, newspaper advertisements and other Keep Me Wild materials™.