

SCARE THE BEAR



Why and How to Safely Haze a Bear

Bears typically avoid people whenever possible, but easy access to garbage, bird seed, pet food and other food sources can attract bears. **Scaring the bear can temporarily stop unwanted behavior and give you time to remove or secure attractants.**

..... BearWise® Hazing Rules

- #1 - Never approach, corner or chase the bear.
 - #2 - Stand in a safe place (bring kids and dogs inside).
 - #3 - Be sure the bear has an escape route, away from you.
 - #4 - Stop hazing when the bear runs away or climbs a tree.
 - #5 - If the bear approaches, do not run. Use bear spray.
 - #6 - BE CAREFUL. Any hazing is done at your own risk.
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Safe Ways to Scare a Bear



Assert Your Dominance — Make eye contact with the bear.
Wave your arms above your head to look bigger.



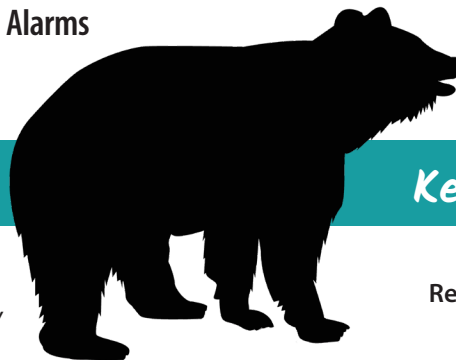
Make Noise — Blow a whistle, air horn or car horn. Clap your hands.
Bang pots. Yell, shout, talk loudly. . . your voice is a powerful deterrent.



Shoot Paintballs (*where legal*) — Aim at the rear end of the bear, NOT the head. **Never use bird shot, rock salt or BB guns;** you can cause injury or death. *Avoid red paintballs; someone may think the bear is injured.*



Use Motion-Activated Lights, Alarms and/or Water Sprinklers



Be BearWise

Learn How to Use Bear Spray:

BearWise.org/bear-safety-tips/bear-spray/

When to Scare a Bear

- ✓ **YES** If the bear is anywhere it should not be, such as eating garbage, bird seed or pet food; near a vehicle, building or chicken coop; in a garden or campground.
- ✗ **NO** If hazing the bear would chase it into people, dogs, a busy road or another unsafe situation.
- ✗ **NO** If the bear is in a natural area where bears belong.
- ✗ **NO** If the bear is running away or up a tree.
- ✗ **NO** If the bear is a cub. You could easily injure the cub and cause the mother to react defensively.

When to Call the Wildlife Agency

- The bear is highly agitated, sickly or injured.
- The bear is approaching people.
- The bear does not leave after hazing.

Keep Bears from Coming Back

Use the *How BearWise Are You?* Checklist.
Remove / secure everything that attracts bears.
Alert neighbors to bear activity.



Learn More:
BearWise.org

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