

# IS A BEAR VISITING YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD?

If a bear is acting threatening or is sick or injured, call or text **626.344.1129**.

Most bears are naturally fearful of humans, but their behavior may change if there is a food source near your home.

## DETER BEARS FROM YOUR PROPERTY

- Subscribe to bear-resistant trash barrel services
- Don't leave any scented products outside, even non-food items such as suntan lotion and insect repellent
- Clean BBQ after each use
- Remove outdoor pet food, including bird feeders
- Contain compost
- Trim your yard; harvest fruit off trees as soon as it is ripe, and promptly collect fruit that falls
- Securely block access to potential hibernation sites such as crawl spaces under decks
- Keep your pet indoors or on a leash at all times
- Strategically place motion-sensing lights and sprinklers around your property

## IF YOU ENCOUNTER A BEAR

- Stand and face the bear directly. Never run away from or approach him.
- Make yourself look as big as possible by spreading your arms or, better yet, a coat.
- Make as much noise as possible by yelling, banging pots and pans, or using other noisemaking devices.
- In the very rare case that a black bear does attack you, fight back (don't play dead).
- After the bear leaves, remove whatever attracted him to the location.
- If you see a bear in your yard, leave him alone until he leaves. Supervise your pet, and do not let your dog interact with him.
- Be especially cautious if you see a female with cubs; never place yourself between a mother and her cub.



For more wildlife tips, information, or wildlife training opportunities, visit [pasadenahumane.org/wildlife](https://pasadenahumane.org/wildlife)

California Department of Fish and Wildlife has jurisdiction over all wildlife in California, which includes bears. For more information about bear proofing your home, hazing and other safety tips, visit [wildlife.ca.gov](https://wildlife.ca.gov).



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