

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.

Safe Ways to Scare a Bear



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



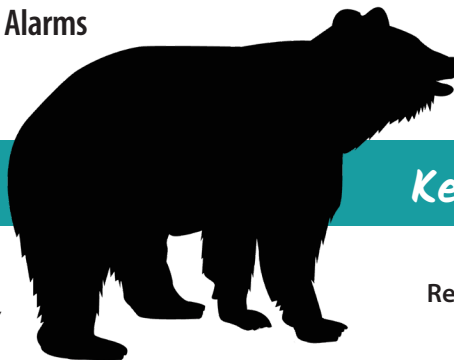
Make Noise — Blow a whistle, air horn or car horn. Clap your hands.
Bang pots. Yell, shout, talk loudly... your voice is a powerful deterrent.



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/

Keep Bears from Coming Back

Use the *How BearWise Are You?* Checklist.

Remove / secure everything that attracts bears.

Alert neighbors to bear activity.



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