

## Coyote Hazing Techniques Q&As

### **Q: What is hazing?**

**A:** Hazing is a process designed to scare wild animals away and to instill in them a fear of humans. This is done for both public safety and the well-being of the animal. Wild animals that get too comfortable around humans can become dangerous and must be killed.

### **Q: What should I do if I encounter a coyote?**

**A:** First, immediately pick up children and pets. Then implement the hazing strategies introduced below. Once you start hazing do not stop until the coyote has left the area. Never turn your back or run from a coyote.

### **Q: When should I haze a coyote?**

**A:** Anytime you are confronted by one. Consistency is important. Everyone in the community must work together to make coyotes feel unwelcome in urban settings.



### **Q: When should I not haze a coyote?**

**A:** Do not haze a coyote if it is cornered, injured or has pups. In the event you encounter a coyote under these circumstances, maintain eye contact with the coyote and slowly back away.

### **Q: How do I haze a coyote?**

**A:** There are a variety of hazing strategies:

- Make yourself as large as possible. Stand up straight and wave your arms over your head.
- Make loud noises. Scream, yell or whistle.
- Be forceful and direct your voice at the coyote.
- Be animated.
- Throw rocks, sticks, anything you can pick up.
- Take steps toward the coyote. Be aggressive.
- Always look directly at the coyote. Never turn your back to it or run away.
- When walking, carry an item like a stick, golf club, water gun or air horn.