

# 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.



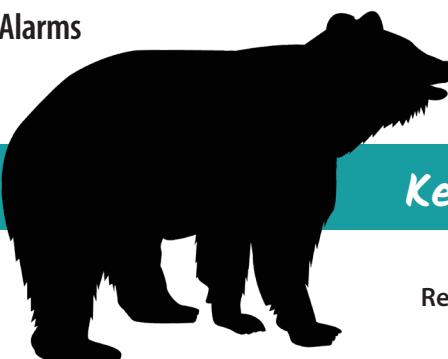
**Make Noise** – Blow a whistle, air horn or car horn. Clap your hands. Bang pots. Yell, shout, talk loudly... your voice is a powerful deterrent.



**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/](http://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.