



Safety Talk



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Be Bear Wise to Prevent Bear Encounters

Northern Safety Solutions remind you to exercise caution as black bears begin to come out of hibernation.

Bears waking from hibernation face a lack of natural food sources, leading them to look for food in garbage cans and commercial waste bins. Storing garbage in waste containers with tight-fitting lids (indoors if possible). Lock commercial waste bins (if possible) and provide adequate lighting for workers to access the commercial waste bins when daylight is limited.

If you own a dog, take these following precautions;

- Leash your dog(s) to reduce the potential dogs harassing a black bear or of being attacked by one.
- Check your yard for the presence of a black bear before letting your dogs out and keep an eye on them while they are outside.

Bears entering your community are not necessarily a threat, but it is important to know who to call if you encounter one. The province operates a non-emergency, toll-free Bear Wise reporting line (1-866-514-2327). The line is open 24/7 from April 1 to November 30.

If a bear is posing an immediate threat by showing threatening or aggressive behaviour, remain calm and call 911 or your local police department.

The City of Greater Sudbury maintains a Report-a-Bear map of bear sightings to determine patterns and intensity of bear sightings.

1. [Fill out the online form.](#)
2. Call 705-674-4455 extension BEAR (2327) and leave a message.
3. Send an email with your bear sighting information to bear@greatersudbury.ca. Include location, date, how many bears and any other relevant information.

***Northern Safety Solutions offers "Bear Awareness Training" in a classroom setting.
For more information, contact our office.***



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