

**IF YOU SEE A BEAR IN OR NEAR OUR VILLAGE, PLEASE CONTACT:
ALPINE VILAGE REPRESENTATIVE, JANINE RATHLEF 250-465-9259
or CONSERVATION BC 877-952-7277**

For more information, please visit: <http://bcparks.ca/explore/misc/bears/>

HELP CARE FOR OUR BEARS

The residents of Strata799 are dedicated to protecting the black bear population.

The Alpine Village is bordered by high quality bear habitat, including a variety of berry bushes where bears feed regularly. Bears are active from April through November, mostly at dusk and dawn.

Over 90% of human-bear conflicts occur in our residential neighbourhoods.

Please dispose of garbage in the bear-proof containers and store your residential garbage indoors - never outside, on your deck or in a car.

Also be sure to eliminate other bear attractants from your property, such as pet food, dirty barbeques, odorous compost or fruit.

Remember, 'problem' bears are not born. They are the product of human carelessness and indifference. Easy access to garbage and other attractants brings bears into close contact with people raising safety concerns. These encounters usually result in the destruction of the bear. You can help by being part of the solution, not part of the problem.

Give Bears RESPECT not Garbage!

HOW TO REACT TO BLACK BEAR ENCOUNTERS

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| STOP | Access the situation and remain calm. If the bear does not detect you, leave the area quietly. |
| IF THE BEAR
DETECTS YOU | Do not run! Back away slowly, facing the bear. Talk in a soft voice, so the bear can identify you as a non-threatening human. |
| IF THE BEAR
APPROACHES | Wave arms and talk louder communicating your dominance in the situation.
Continue to back away and leave the area. |
| IF THE BEAR
BECOMES
AGGRESSIVE | Do not play dead. The bear may bluff charge – there is no need to panic immediately.
Try to escape to a secure building or car. If the bear attacks, try to fight back with any weapon you can find |