

# IF YOU SEE A BLACK BEAR...



Bears can make a lot of noise, so they may huff, snap their jaws and slap the ground if they think you are too close. Back away slowly.

A bear that stands on its back legs probably just wants to see and smell you better. Do not be afraid. Let a bear know you are there by waving your arms and talking to it.

If a bear comes toward you,  
**DO NOT RUN!**  
Back away slowly and get to a safe area.

## HERE ARE SOME TIPS THAT YOU SHOULD FOLLOW IF YOU SEE A BEAR:

**IF A BEAR COMES INTO YOUR YARD OR YOU SEE ONE WHILE CAMPING, DO NOT BE AFRAID, BUT REMEMBER THAT BEARS ARE NOT TAME ANIMALS. THEY ARE WILD CREATURES.**

- Do not get scared and do not run.
- Do not go near the black bear.
- Never feed the bear!
- Talk to the bear to let it know you are there.
- Do not look directly into the bear's eyes.
- Make sure the bear can get out of your yard or campground easily if it wants to leave. Do not stand in front of the exit!
- Make lots of noise. It could scare the bear away.
- If you are playing with friends, get in a big group. Talk and wave your arms. You will look really big and the bear might leave.
- Always tell your parents if you see a bear!