

MOUNTAIN LION SAFETY TIPS



WYOMING IS MOUNTAIN LION COUNTRY



IF YOU ENCOUNTER A MOUNTAIN LION...

- **Don't go outside alone;** groups of people make plenty of noise, which reduces your chances of surprising a lion.
- **Never approach a mountain lion.** All lions are unpredictable. Most mountain lions will try to avoid a confrontation. Give them a way to escape.
- **Stay calm.** If you encounter the lion, talk to it calmly and firmly, and move away slowly. Don't run. Make yourself look bigger by raising your arms. Sudden movement or running may stimulate a lion's instinct to chase and attack.

Keep a close watch on children playing outdoors.

The buddy system works well. Try to have children inside between dusk and dawn.

Don't feed wildlife.

Feeding wildlife may attract animals like mountain lions to your residence.

Bring pets inside at night.

Roaming pets are an easy food source for mountain lions. If you leave your pet outside, keep it in a kennel with a secure top. Don't feed pets outside, as this can attract raccoons and other animals, which are mountain lion prey.

Keep the perimeter of your house well-lit at night.

Keeping the perimeter well-lit, especially along long walkways can make lions visible and discourage mountain lion activity.

Be aware of areas with thick cover.

During the day, the mountain lions will likely try to find a cool, quiet space to bed down. Be aware of areas with thick cover.

Be aware of your surroundings

It is critical to immediately report sightings of mountain lions to your local Game and Fish personnel to respond. **Please report sightings to the Game and Fish at 1-877-WGFD-TIP (1-877-943-3847) or the non-emergency Police Department phone.**

If you encounter a mountain lion, remember every situation is different with respect to the lion, the terrain, the people, and their activity. If a lion attacks you, **fight back**, defend yourself by throwing things at it (rocks, branches etc.) or anything you can get your hands on.