

MONTANA IS BEAR COUNTRY

ASSUME GRIZZLY AND/OR BLACK BEARS ARE IN THE AREA

Most bear encounters can be prevented. Follow the bear safety checklist for tent campers:

- ✓ Store all attractants in a certified bear-resistant container, locked car, hard-sided camper, building, or hang properly (10' off the ground, 4' from supports).
Bear attractants include food, drinks, garbage, toiletries (sunscreen, soap, lip balm, deodorant, etc) and anything else with an odor that a bear might perceive as food.
- ✓ Make sure all attractants are out of your tent.
- ✓ Don't leave attractants unattended for any amount of time.
- ✓ Cook away (100 yards+) from your sleeping area.
- ✓ Carry bear spray and know how to use it. Bear spray should be easy to reach, even while you are at camp and in your tent.

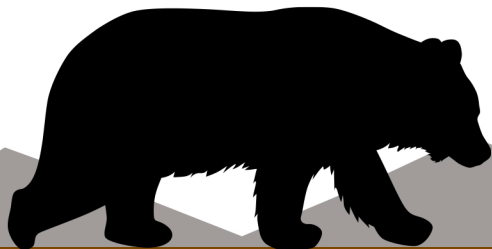


HELP PREVENT BEAR ENCOUNTERS

- ✓ Travel in groups
- ✓ Make noise
- ✓ Avoid travel at dawn, dusk and night
- ✓ Be aware of your surroundings
- ✓ Carry bear spray and know how to use it

Anyone moving quickly (cycling, running) is at higher risk of surprising a bear.

If you encounter a bear, never run. Stand your ground and use your bear spray when the bear is within range.



For more details about handling bear encounters, visit WWW.FWP.MT.GOV