

# Public Safety Concerns

## How Could Bison Impact Human Safety (collisions/goring)?

Current information suggests that as with other species of large herbivores (e.g., moose and elk), bison pose small, but manageable, risks of personal injury.

Free-ranging programs in Utah, Saskatchewan, and Arizona have not had any reported incidents involving human injury as a result of contact with bison.

## How Do Bison Respond to Human Presence?

As a result of hunting, the Henry Mountains bison have become very wary of humans, with most tending to flee at the sound of a stopping vehicle or the smell of approaching hikers.

Landowners in Saskatchewan have reported that bison tend to move off when humans enter an area, noting that it is possible to approach them more closely on horseback, but “if you can get as close as 50 yards, you are lucky”.

Bison that are habituated to humans and do not experience hunting pressure often are easier to approach.

