

Bear Safety and Wildlife Awareness on Campus

Your guide to coexisting Safely with nature

Capilano University campuses are home to a rich array of wildlife, including deer, raccoons, and occasionally bears. While their presence enriches our natural environment, it's important to maintain safety and respect for these creatures. This guide provides essential tips on bear safety, how to respond to wildlife encounters, and reporting bear sightings.

General Wildlife Awareness Tips

- **Admire from a Distance:** Avoid approaching or feeding wildlife. This is safer for you and healthier for the animals.
- **Secure Food and Trash:** Properly dispose of food scraps in designated wildlife-proof bins. Bears and other animals are attracted to food waste.
- **Stay Alert:** Pay attention to your surroundings, especially during dawn and dusk when wildlife is most active.
- **Respect Habitats:** Stick to designated paths and trails to minimize disturbance to wildlife.



Bear Safety: Dos and Don'ts

DO:

- Stay calm and assess the situation.
- Make yourself appear larger by raising your arms.
- Speak in a calm, firm voice to alert the bear of your presence.
- Slowly back away without turning your back to the bear.

DON'T:

- Approach or run from the bear. Running can trigger a chase.
- Feed or try to pet the bear. This is dangerous and illegal.
- Play dead unless it is a grizzly bear, and physical contact occurs (unlikely in most campus areas).

Reporting Bear Sightings

If you see a bear on campus:

1. Stay Safe: Move to a safe location and warn others nearby.
2. Report Immediately:
 - Campus Security:
North Vancouver Campus **604-984-1763**
Squamish Campus **778-266-1045**
Wildlife Hotline: **1-877-952-7277**
3. Provide Clear Details:
 - Exact location of the sighting.
 - Time and description of the bear's behavior.
 - Any immediate threats to safety (e.g., bear near a busy area).

Contact Information

- **Emergency Services:** Dial 911 if immediate danger exists
- **Campus Security:** security@capilanou.ca
- **North Vancouver Campus** 604-984-1763
- **Squamish Campus** 778-266-1045
- **Local Wildlife Authority:** Report All Poachers and Polluters (RAPP) 1-877-952-7277

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