

Response Guidelines for Recognized BearWise Communities of Bear Behavior Levels



IF A BEAR IS...

- Far away
- Easily scared away
- In a tree/standing up/passing through
- Leaving scat, tracks, or scratch marks on trees
- Feeding on natural foods (acorns, berries, insects)

Enjoy from a safe distance and never approach a bear. Call A-B Tech Campus Police 828-398-7125 so they can respond to protect bears and people from interactions.



IF A BEAR IS...

- Not scared away by loud noises
- Eating food/garbage/pet food/birdseed when people are not present
- Protecting food or cubs (charges, blocks food or cubs from people)

Find a safe place, call A-B Tech Campus Police 828-398-7125 so they can respond to protect bears and people from interactions.



IF A BEAR IS...

- Approaching people or pets
- Linger near human use areas
- Entering a tent, building or vehicle
- Physically making contact with a person
- Eating food/garbage/pet food/birdseed when people are present

Find a safe place, call A-B Tech Campus Police 828-398-7125 so they can respond, and they will alert the NCWRC Wildlife Helpline.

**NCWRC Wildlife Hotline: 866-318-2401
Mon-Fri 8am to 5pm
In case of emergency, call 9-1-1**

