

NATURE NEWS

BE
INFORMED
ABOUT
BEARS
AND
ELK

What to do if you see a Bear in Banff

- ⇒ Make noise while walking, and travel in groups
- ⇒ Carry bear spray, know how to use it
- ⇒ Maintain a safe distance between you and any bear
- ⇒ Make noise and back away if you see one
- ⇒ Look ahead for tracks and droppings



ELKS—BE CAREFUL!

How to avoid an elk encounter?

- Stay 30 meters away from all elk;
- Avoid lone female elk, they separate from the herd for calving and may have calves nearby;
- Walk on open roads rather than forest trails to avoid stumbling upon females elk or calves;
- Keep children within arms reach and always keep dogs on a leash and travel in groups and carry a pepper spray and something pointy such as a sturdy umbrella.

What to do if you can't avoid an elk encounter?

- Act dominant if an elk gets too close; **Do not play dead!**
- Seek protection behind a tree or vehicle;
- Raise your arms or flap a jacket to make yourself appear larger, and maintain eye contact and always move



Herding Elk with a Rake!