

# Spotlight on Health & Safety



## Safety Message – Wildlife Safety

Spring time is rapidly approaching and everyone will be getting out into the sunshine! Wildlife activity will also be on the increase as they search for food after a long winter. Scented items including food containers, trash, cookware, toiletries and lotions can all be attractants for wild animals. Often adult wildlife will have their offspring with them. This can create an even greater hazard as they will look to protect their young from all perceived threats. It is important to be aware of your surroundings and be making noise to announce your presence. If there is wildlife in the area, space and time should be given to leave the area and avoid any possible conflicts with them.

The Peace River School Division, recognises that many of our schools have encounters with wildlife. When an encounter occurs the schools go into a hold and secure situation where all students and staff are called into the school. The children go on with their day but remain indoors until the principal gives the all clear and students are again allowed outside for their activities.

For more information on wildlife please follow the attached link provided by Alberta Fish and Wildlife: <https://www.alberta.ca/human-wildlife-conflict.aspx>

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