How to Keep you and your property wildlife safe

Minimize your chance of encounters with wildlife on your property by following these tips:

Never leave small children or small pets outside unattended

Keep your property well-lit to discourage wildlife

Keep shrubs and bushes trimmed about 2 feet above the ground to prevent hiding places for wildlife

Keep your property clean of refuse or piled limbs

Use garbage receptacles that seal tightly and store in a garage or shed

Do not encourage wildlife by feeding or leaving food for them

Do not allow bird food to accumulate on the ground

Don’t place food scraps directly into your garden or open compost bins, use a closed compost bin

Keep pet food and water containers indoors, especially at night

Consider purchasing an airhorn can and keeping it where you can easily reach it when you head outdoors with your family or pets
If you encounter wildlife

➤ Remain calm

➤ Make sure the wildlife has an escape route

➤ Make yourself look big by waving your arms

➤ Make noises; use whistle or air horn or just yell

➤ Do not run or turn your back to the animal

➤ Move to a secure location if animal does not leave

Most wildlife does not want to encounter humans. Enjoy viewing wildlife from a distance. Remember they are wildlife that should stay wild