



# Be Bear Wise:

## Prepare and be aware

### at your park campsite.

When enjoying Ontario's campsites, lakes, forests and hiking trails, it's wise to remember that you're in the natural habitat of black bears. Bears have a keen sense of smell, and are attracted by the odour of human food and garbage. To avoid conflicts with bears, prepare ... and be aware.

In an immediate **emergency** contact your park office, the local police force or 911. To report bear problems contact your park office or call:

**1 866 514-2327**

(1 866 514-BEAR)

TTY 705 945-7641

For more information, visit our website:

[bears.mnr.gov.on.ca](http://bears.mnr.gov.on.ca)

## What campers can do:

- Reduce or eliminate odours from yourself, your camp, your clothes and your vehicle
- Cook and store your food well away from your tent site
- Clean fish and store food remains away from your campsite
- Burn food scraps and fat drippings thoroughly in a fire
- Never cook, eat or store food in your tent – this includes snacks
- Store food so that bears cannot reach it – in the trunk of your car or hanging at least 4 metres (13 feet) above the ground
- Sleep in clothes other than those you have cooked in
- Properly store and pack all garbage
- Handle and store pet food with as much care as you do your own