



Be Bear Wise:

Involve your community.
Help keep bears *in the wild.*

Communities can play a vital role in preventing Ontario's black bears from becoming "problem bears," simply by applying some basic steps in the way garbage is collected and stored and how landfill sites are managed. Here are some examples of how your community can get started.

In an immediate emergency call your local police or 911. To report bear problems call:

1 866 514-2327

(1 866 514-BEAR)

TTY 705 945-7641

For more information, visit our website:

bears.mnr.gov.on.ca

What your community can do:

Your community can play a vital role in preventing human-bear conflicts.

- Get involved in the *Bear Wise* program
- Conduct a bear hazard assessment to identify potential problem areas
- Develop a plan to reduce human-bear conflicts
- Review future development plans relative to greenspace
- Provide a regular garbage collection schedule
- Properly manage landfill sites
- Install electric fencing around landfill sites
- Provide bear-proof containers for community parks and streets
- Implement policies and procedures to ensure residents and businesses are not attracting bears to the community