

# NOTICE

**Be aware that there was a cougar sited  
by the Fire Hall Monday evening.  
(May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017).**



**Please exercise **caution** and due diligence  
when in the area and take steps to protect  
children and pets.**

**If you see a cougar, call  
1-877-952-7277  
to report.**

**Tips to know about cougars:**

1. Cougars are most active before dusk and after dawn. Try to keep your children and animals at home before dusk and indoors until after dawn. However, they will roam and hunt at any time of the day or night and in all seasons.
2. If you see a cougar, stay calm and keep the cougar in view. Pick up children immediately – children frighten easily, the noise and movements they make could provoke an attack. Back away slowly, ensuring that the animal has a clear avenue of escape. Have yourself look as large as possible. Keep the cougar in front of you at all times.
3. Never run or turn your back on a cougar. Sudden movement may provoke an attack.
4. If a cougar shows interest or follows you, respond aggressively. Maintain eye contact with the cougar, show your teeth and make loud noise. Arm yourself with rocks or sticks as weapons. Crouch down as little as possible when bending down to pick up things off the ground.
5. Roaming pets are easy prey for cougars, keep them leashed or behind a fence.
6. Bring your pet in at night.
7. Don't feed the pet outside. The pet food might attract young cougars or small animals such as squirrels or raccoons which cougars prey upon.
8. During late spring and summer, one to two-year old cougars become independent of their mothers. While attempting to find a home range, these young cougars may roam widely in search of unoccupied territory. This is when cougars are most likely to conflict with humans.

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