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Be cautious if you encounter moose

Peace River... With recent sightings of moose in rural, residential areas and parks in northwestern Alberta, the Alberta government is urging residents to be cautious around these animals.

Moose are capable of inflicting serious injuries. They may run after dogs or charge people and vehicles, and should not be approached.

If you encounter a moose, give it plenty of room to move away. Don't run. Walk away slowly and seek an alternate route. If a moose charges, get behind something solid like a tree or vehicle and use it as a shield. Supervise children walking to and from school buses. Don't feed moose because they can become accustomed to a new food source and might try to defend it. Never allow dogs to chase them.

For more information about moose, visit the Alberta Sustainable Resource Development website at www.srd.gov.ab.ca/fw/hunting/moose.html.

Contact your local Fish and Wildlife office if you encounter a moose that acts aggressively (Grande Prairie, ph. (780) 538-5265; Spirit River, ph. (780) 864-4101, Fairview, ph. (780) 835-2737; Peace River, ph. (780) 624-6405). Officers will deal with each situation on a case-by-case basis and ensure that public safety remains the highest priority.

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