

COYOTES AND CHILDREN

If there are coyote sightings in your neighborhood, or you are visiting a park where coyotes are present, please follow these guidelines to keep you and your children safe.

SMALL CHILDREN:

1. Supervise all playtimes outdoors.
2. Do not leave small children unsupervised in play areas and backyards.
3. Keep children close and never let them out of your sight.

When taking an evening or early morning stroll:

1. Do not let children race ahead or lag behind.
2. Always hold their hand.
3. Avoid walking along areas with dense bushes and heavy overgrowth - walk on the street or the middle of the trail.
4. If you see a coyote up ahead, pick up your child, turn around and walk back the way you came.
5. Keep your small children under control. Do not let them run around the front yard, or anywhere in the neighborhood vocalizing and acting erratically.

PRETEENS, TEENAGERS AND ADULTS:

1. Never approach or try to tame a coyote.
2. Never feed coyotes.
3. Avoid coyotes.
4. If approached, be big, threatening and loud. If the coyote does not respond, walk away calmly.
5. If attacked, fight back.

Motion Reactivity:

Coyotes like dogs will respond to rapid motion by chasing. If you run from a coyote, it may think you are a retreating threat and nip at your heels, your buttocks, or your sleeve.

5. No skateboarding or rollerskating in the neighborhood or along park trails.
6. If there is a coyote ahead, and you are jogging or riding a bicycle, **STOP MOVING**. Turn around and calmly walk back the way you came. Keep your bicycle between you and the coyote. Do not be alarmed if the coyote follows for a while before it leaves.



Little Blue Society Human-Animal Conflict Resolution:
Please direct all questions to info@littlebluesociety.org
If you don't have access to a computer, please call us at
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