

BEAR SAFETY

IN SEWARD, ALASKA



Seward Cares For Its Bears is a collaborative initiative established to support bear awareness and strategies for our community. Protect yourself and our bears during your stay with these tips.

1 Carry Bear Spray & Know How To Use It

You can rent or purchase bear spray at local businesses such as:

- Seward Outdoor Store
- Seward Bike Shop
- The Fish House
- Adventure 60 North

2 Trail Safety

- Do not approach wildlife
- Hike in groups.
- Avoid surprising a bear by making noise, or use your voice.
- Pay attention to signs of bears such as scat, claw marks on trees, or tracks.
- Always maintain a distance from wildlife.

3 If You See A Bear...

- Stay Calm. DO NOT RUN!
- Raise your voice & make yourself big with your arms.
- Back away slowly, never turn your back.
- If the bear approaches or charges, use bear spray if needed.

4 Learn How To Identify Bears

There are two types of bears you may encounter in Seward: black bears & brown bears. If you are attacked by a black bear, fight back. If you are attacked by a brown bear, play dead.

5 Responsibly Store Food & Garbage

Most campsites & areas around town should be equipped with bear-resistant garbage cans. Limit scents by properly storing food & garbage. Lock away items in your car or camper. Never leave unsecured scented items in your campsite.



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