

# **BE BEAR AWARE**

### Tips on how to be 'bear smart':

- Liquid Disposal Pits pour boiling water into pit after each use and make sure there is no food on top cover.
- Burn off all food from your BBQ grill or half barrel
- Keep all garbage in the can on your site and take all garbage to the dumpster nightly. If you leave your sites even for a short period of time put the garbage cans in the pantry and lock the door.
- Do not bring food or odoured non-food items into your tent or hut this includes toiletries such as toothpaste, deodorant, body sprays and snacks, like chocolate bars.
- Do not sleep in the clothes you cooked in
- Wash dishes immediately after each meal
- Citronella products contain a compound that is very attractive to bears. It would be best not to burn candles containing citronella or use any citronella based bug repellents on your person.

## If you see a bear on your site or in camp:

#### Remain calm!

Often the bear is just passing through, and if it finds no food source, will simply move on.

#### Keep well away!

Never approach a bear. Do not crowd the bear – give it plenty of space and a safe avenue of escape. Bring the children inside.

## **Never Feed A Bear!**

## Let the bear know it is not welcome!

Do not allow the bear to feel comfortable in "your territory", not even for a photo opportunity. Assess the situation and ensure the bear has a clean and safe avenue of escape. Show the bear your human presence from a secure position. Stand facing the bear; making yourself look as big as possible. Use a firm tone of voice to make it feel uncomfortable and encourage it to leave. Blow the air horn, or bang pots and pans.

Let the caretaker know you have sighted a bear on camp property (604-885-2163), if they are not at home, leave a note on their door.