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### **BEAR ENCOUNTERS - WHEN TO CALL POLICE**

(NORTH GRENVILLE, ON) – During the summer months the Grenville County Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has responded to a few bear sightings in the Grenville County's area. The public is reminded that black bears that come into a populated area aren't always a threat to public safety. The following explains who to contact if you encounter a bear;

#### **Emergency Situations**

CALL 911 if a black bear poses an immediate threat to personal safety by exhibiting threatening or aggressive behavior, such as:

- ♣ Entering a school yard when school is in session
- ♣ Stalking people and lingering at the site
- ♣ Entering or trying to enter a residence
- ♣ Wandering into a public gathering
- ♣ Killing livestock/pets and is lingering at the site

Ontario Provincial Police are the first responder in the Grenville County for any emergency situation. At the request of the police, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry will respond to emergency situations to assist.

#### **Non-Emergency Encounters**

Call the toll-free Bear Wise reporting line at **1-866-514-2327 (TTY 705-945-7641)** if a black bear is:

- ♣ Roaming around, checking garbage cans
- ♣ Breaking into a shed where garbage or food is stored
- ♣ In a tree
- ♣ Pulling down a bird feeder or knocking over a barbecue
- ♣ Moving through a backyard or field but is not lingering

This line operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week from April 1 until Nov. 30. Trained staff can provide advice to you about black bear behaviour, how to avoid human-bear conflicts, and how to remove attractants from your property.