

# And Other Tips For Surviving Animal Encounters Of All Kinds

No matter where you live, there's a chance you'll encounter an animal at some point. While most animal encounters are harmless, there are some that can be dangerous or even deadly. That's why it's important to be prepared and know what to do if you come face-to-face with a wild animal.

Here are some tips for surviving animal encounters of all kinds:



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### 1. Stay calm

The most important thing to do when you encounter an animal is to stay calm. Panicking will only make the situation worse. Take a deep breath and assess the situation.

### 2. Identify the animal

Once you're calm, try to identify the animal. This will help you determine how to react.

### **3. Don't approach the animal**

Never approach a wild animal, no matter how small or harmless it may seem. Animals can be unpredictable, and even the most docile animal can become aggressive if it feels threatened.

### **4. Give the animal space**

If you encounter an animal, give it plenty of space. Back away slowly and avoid making any sudden movements.

### **5. Make yourself look big**

If an animal charges at you, make yourself look as big as possible. Stand up tall, spread your arms, and make loud noises.

### **6. Fight back if necessary**

If an animal attacks you, fight back as hard as you can. Use anything you can find to defend yourself, such as a rock, a stick, or a backpack.

### **7. Get medical attention**

If you're injured by an animal, seek medical attention immediately. Even minor injuries can become infected if they're not treated properly.

**Here are some additional tips for surviving specific animal encounters:**

#### **Bears**

Bears are large, powerful animals that can be dangerous if they feel threatened. If you encounter a bear, follow these tips:

- Stay calm and avoid making any sudden movements.
- Identify the bear and determine its mood.
- Do not approach the bear.
- Give the bear plenty of space.
- Make yourself look big.
- Fight back if necessary.
- Get medical attention if you're injured.

## **Coyotes**

Coyotes are smaller than bears, but they can still be dangerous if they feel threatened. If you encounter a coyote, follow these tips:

- Stay calm and avoid making any sudden movements.
- Identify the coyote and determine its mood.
- Do not approach the coyote.
- Give the coyote plenty of space.
- Make yourself look big.
- Fight back if necessary.
- Get medical attention if you're injured.

## **Mountain lions**

Mountain lions are large, powerful cats that can be dangerous if they feel threatened. If you encounter a mountain lion, follow these tips:

- Stay calm and avoid making any sudden movements.
- Identify the mountain lion and determine its mood.
- Do not approach the mountain lion.
- Give the mountain lion plenty of space.
- Make yourself look big.
- Fight back if necessary.
- Get medical attention if you're injured.

## **Wolves**

Wolves are social animals that typically avoid humans. However, if you encounter a wolf, follow these tips:

- Stay calm and avoid making any sudden movements.
- Identify the wolf and determine its mood.
- Do not approach the wolf.
- Give the wolf plenty of space.
- Make yourself look big.
- Fight back if necessary.
- Get medical attention if you're injured.

## **Snakes**

Snakes are not typically aggressive, but they will bite if they feel threatened. If you encounter a snake, follow these tips:

- Stay calm and avoid making any sudden movements.
- Identify the snake and determine if it is venomous.
- Do not approach the snake.
- Give the snake plenty of space.
- Move away slowly.
- Get medical attention if you're bitten.

## **Insects**

Insects are the most common animals that you'll encounter. While most insects are harmless, some can be dangerous. If you encounter an insect, follow these tips:

- Stay calm and avoid making any sudden movements.
- Identify the insect and determine if it is dangerous.
- Do not approach the insect.
- Give the insect plenty of space.
- Move away slowly.
- Get medical attention if you're stung or bitten.

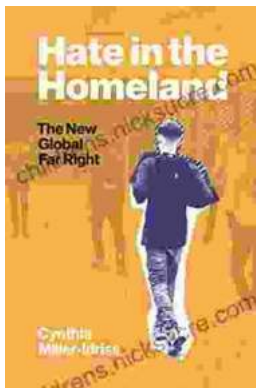
By following these tips, you can help to reduce your risk of being injured or killed by an animal encounter. Remember, the most important thing to do is to stay calm and avoid making any sudden movements.



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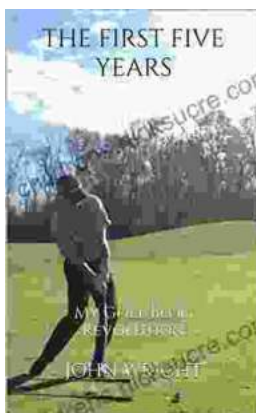
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