

Safety Advisory

A Safety Alert is issued by the University to remind members of the community about individual measures that can be taken to enhance the sense of safety enjoyed by members of the campus community.

Incident/Event: On July 21, 2017 at about 1:30 PM a Mountain Lion was sighted near Peterson Ranch Hiking trail. The mountain lion did not show aggression.

PRECAUTIONS: Be aware that mountain lions are common to this area and in its natural environment. Although mountain lions are secretive and human attacks are rare they still occur. Mountain lions are considered threats to domestic stock and also considered a potential danger to children and small adults. If you encounter a mountain lion you should:

1. To avoid an attack, always keep children and pets close by. Mountain lions are attracted to smaller children so don't let them wander too far away.
2. Make noise when you're hiking, this will help to ensure that you don't walk up on an unsuspecting lion. If a Mountain lion hears you approaching, more often than not it will run away into the brush to avoid a confrontation.
3. If you come upon a lion give it plenty of space so it can escape. Make yourself look big and **DO NOT RUN**. The lion will more than likely leave without any kind of confrontation.
4. If you are attacked try to fight back. Kick, gouge its eyes, hit it in the face, do anything you can to make the lion rethink its attack. If you try to pretend you are dead a lion will more than likely keep attacking?
5. Stand your ground, stand tall, and pick up any children that are with you. Don't ever try to run, doing so may kick in the animal's natural hunting response. If you run it will most likely chase you.
6. Bear Pepper Spray is also useful against mountain lions. If you have some it can be sprayed at the lion's nose and eyes.

If you encounter a mountain lion on campus do not approach or provoke it. Contact the University Police Immediately at 805-756-2281 or **911** in the case of an emergency.

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