A Safety Advisory 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:** MOUNTAIN LION SIGHTING  
**Location:** CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO  
**Time Element:** MAY 13 – MAY 20  
**Information/Action to be taken:** PRECAUTION

Mountain lions are typically solitary and elusive. Studies of collared mountain lions show that they often co-exist around people, unseen and unheard. More than half of California is prime mountain lion habitat. Foothills and mountains, like those surrounding Cal Poly, make a suitable habitat for mountain lions. Although mountain lions are secretive and generally avoid humans, about four (4) humans per year fall prey to mountain lions. These are generally small adults and children traveling alone during dawn, dusk, or at night.

For MOUNTAIN LION sightings, contact Cal Poly Police Department  
Emergency 9-1-1 / Blue Phones / Non-Emergency (805) 756-2281

**Mountain Lion Safety Tips**  
(http://www.mountainlion.org/portalprotectencounters.asp)

- **Seem as large as possible.**  
  Make yourself appear larger by picking up children, leashing pets in, and standing close to other people. Open your jacket. Raise your arms. Wave your raised arms slowly.

- **Make noise.**  
  Yell, shout, bang your walking stick or water bottle. Make any loud sound that cannot be confused by the lion as the sound of prey. Speak slowly and loudly to disrupt and discourage the lion's hunting instincts.

- **Act defiant, not afraid.**  
  Maintain eye contact. Never run past or away from a mountain lion. Don’t bend over or crouch down. Aggressively wave your arms, throw stones or branches, do not turn away.

- **Slowly create distance.**  
  Assess the situation. Consider whether you may be between the lion and its kittens, prey or cache. Back away slowly to give the mountain lion a path to retreat, never turning your back. Give the lion the time and ability to get away.

- **Protect yourself.**  
  If attacked, fight back. Protect your neck and throat. People have used rocks, jackets, garden tools, tree branches, walking sticks, fanny packs and even bare hands to turn away mountain lions.