



WHAT TO DO IF YOU ENCOUNTER A MOUNTAIN LION

Sometimes during this time of year, mountain lions wander into the residential areas of Hesperia. Since there is a possibility that our children could encounter mountain lions in the local community, we want to alert all of our students, staff and parents to the danger posed by this animal.

To protect your loved ones, please familiarize yourself and your children with the following suggestions:

PREVENTION

- Do not allow your children to play or walk in any area unless they are supervised. Mountain lions can easily jump a fence to attack. Ensure that your children are *not outside before dawn or after dusk.*

IF YOU SPOT A MOUNTAIN LION

- Please immediately report it to Animal Control at 947-1700 (any time, day or night). Although they may not be able to respond immediately, they will enlist the services of a trapper as quickly as possible.

IF YOU ARE CONFRONTED BY A MOUNTAIN LION

- Make yourself appear **BIG**. Stand up straight, lift up your arms and use a loud, strong voice. **DO NOT RUN!** Mountain lions like to attack from behind.
- Back away slowly. Go to the nearest shelter or house for help. **DO NOT TURN YOUR BACK TO THE LION.**
- Make eye contact with the lion. Try not to show any fear.
- If attacked, try to stay on your feet. Use sticks, jackets, hats or your bare hands to defend yourself and protect your head and neck.

If you have any questions, please call
Animal Control at 947-1700.

