



University of Saskatchewan	
Procedure Title:	Wildlife Safety Response Protocol

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Revision History

Revisions to this procedure are to be documented in Table 1, Revision History.

Table 1: Revision History

Document Section	Details of Amendments	Date	Author (Initials)

1 Purpose

Because of the proximity of the University of Saskatchewan to the South Saskatchewan River and to rural areas, it is not uncommon to observe wildlife on campus including skunks, raccoons, badgers, deer, foxes and even coyotes. In unfamiliar surroundings, an animal's behavior can be unpredictable. An injured or ill animal can be very dangerous.

The Wildlife Safety Protocol is intended to provide university personnel with a standard procedure for responding to wildlife encounters on campus.

2 Applicable To

This protocol is applicable to all university faculty, staff and students.

3 Training

Personnel from Safety Resources, the Facilities Management Division (FMD) and Protective Services responsible for responding to wildlife encounters are to receive appropriate training on this protocol and have ready access to a copy of the protocol.

4 Procedure

4.1 Wildlife Encounters

When wildlife is encountered on campus that could pose a risk to the public, staff and students should immediately call Protective Services at **966-5555**.

The following **Safety Principles** should be adhered to by all staff and students when encountering wildlife on campus:

Safety Principles

- Do not approach or attempt to handle the animal;
- Do not feed the animal;
- Do not attempt to capture or contain the animal, or scare it away; and
- If possible, warn others in the vicinity of the presence of the animal.

If you have been injured (bitten, scratched, etc.) by an encounter with wildlife on campus:

- Wash the wound thoroughly with soap and running water;
- Seek medical attention even if the injury appears minor in nature; and
- Contact Safety Resources at 966-4675 or safetyresources@usask.ca.

4.2 Campus Safety Response

Following is the protocol to be followed by Campus Safety upon receiving a call about wildlife on campus.

1. Attend the scene of the animal sighting. Adhere to the **Safety Principles** when responding to a wildlife encounter;
2. If an individual has been injured by a wild animal, provide standard First Aid. Direct the individual to seek medical attention and as deemed necessary, call emergency services;
3. If possible, determine the location of the animal. As appropriate, monitor the movement of the animal and control access to the area around the location of the animal;
4. During business hours, notify Safety Resources at 966-4675. After hours, call Protective Services at 966-5555; and
5. In an emergency situation or when an animal appears to be dangerous to the public, contact Saskatoon Police Services at 975-8300;

4.3 Safety Resources Response

Following is the protocol to be followed by Safety Resources upon receiving a call about wildlife on campus.

1. Notify FMD Operations and Maintenance, and as deemed necessary, expand the notification across campus;
2. In consultation with Protective Services, FMD, and as necessary, external agencies, determine an appropriate response. Depending on the situation and the animal encountered, the response could include:
 - a. No action;
 - b. Controlling access to the area and monitoring the animal's movement until it moves off campus; or
 - c. Contacting an external agency to remove the animal. A list of agencies that are able to deal with various types of wildlife is provided in Table 1.
3. Complete an incident report.

5 Protocol Review

This protocol may be reviewed at any time by Safety Resources but shall be reviewed at least every three years.

6 Records

Reported incidents involving wildlife on campus are to be reported through the university's incident reporting system.

7 References

- Table 1, Wildlife on campus call numbers

Table 1: Wildlife on campus call numbers.

Wildlife	Agency	Contacts
Bats and mice (in buildings)	FMD (Customer Service Centre) Residence Office (bats in residences)	Daytime: 966-4496 After hours: 966-5555 966-6775
All protected big game including pronghorn antelope, bear, moose, caribou, deer, elk	Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management (SERM) Saskatoon Police Services (only when control is required)	Daytime: 933-6240 After hours: 1-800-667-7561 975-8300
Birds of Prey (raptors) Such as hawks, owls, eagles, falcons	Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management (SERM)	Daytime: 933-6240 After hours: 1-800-667-7561
Upland game birds including Hungarian Partridge, sharp-tailed Grouse, Ruffed Grouse	Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management (SERM)	Daytime: 933-6240 After hours: 1-800-667-7561
Federally protected birds, migratory birds, song birds	Canadian Wildlife Service Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management (SERM)	Daytime: 975-4087 After hours: 1-800-667-7561
Small carnivorous animals including badger, porcupine, raccoon, skunk	City of Saskatoon (Animal Control) Saskatoon Police Services (if dangerous to the public)	975-3300 975-8300
Beavers, Muskrats	City of Saskatoon In storm retention ponds	975-3300 975-3300
Bee swarms (honey bees)	Neil Carter	955-3803 Cellular: 229-2530
Hornets, Wasps and Bees	City of Saskatoon (on City property only)	975-3300
All Waterfowl	Canadian Wildlife Service Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management (SERM)	Daytime: 975-4087 After hours: 1-800-667-7561
All other unprotected wildlife such as rats, skunks, gophers, mice, snakes, turtles, rabbits, shrews, bats, raccoons, crows, magpies, cowbirds, blackbirds, pigeons	City of Saskatoon	975-3300
Dead crows and magpies	City of Saskatoon	975-3300
Dead animals and birds	City of Saskatoon (in parks) City of Saskatoon (on roadways and sidewalks)	975-3300 975-2476
Injured animals and birds	Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA)	374-7387