



Education is a Key Criteria

4. Implement a continuing education program (i.e. Bear Aware), directed at all sectors of the community focusing on:

Bear biology and behaviour

Residential, commercial, agricultural and industrial practices to manage non-natural attractants including: garbage storage, barbecues; human and pet foods; compost; birdfeeders; orchards, vineyards, apiaries, grain growing, vegetable growing, home-grown fruit; etc.

Proper behaviour in bear habitat and during a bear encounter in the community.

Establishing a level of tolerance towards the presence of and natural behaviour of bears in reasonable numbers in or near the community.

A program for communicating current bear activity to the public and responding to requests for advice in minimizing bear attractants.

Bear Aware is an initiative to reduce bear-human conflicts in residential areas through community-based education programs throughout British Columbia.

Guided by the British Columbia Conservation Foundation, with funding and support from various levels of Government and private organizations, the Bear Aware program promotes practices that improve public safety and respect for wild bears.

For more information or to establish a local program for your area call 250/828-2551. Or, visit the website: www.bearaware.bc.ca

