

There has been an increased number of black bear sightings in and around Clarion Borough, especially during the spring and summer months when the bears are active. We believe it is important to remember some safety tips if you encounter wildlife on or near campus.

Safety tips:

- Stay alert to your surroundings at all times.
- Never feed or approach wildlife.
- Remain calm if you encounter a bear. Do not run from it, slowly back away.
- Make sure the bear has an escape route.
- Avoid using devices that impair your hearing or sight while walking/ hiking.
- More <u>bear safety tips</u> are available on the Department of Environmental Protection's website.
- Report any encounters with threatening, dangerous, or injured wildlife to the Clarion University Police at +1 814 393 2111, or off campus to the Clarion Borough Police or Pennsylvania State Police via 911.