

Recreating and trail use in Squamish

Squamish Champions:
Your town is a
Bear Smartcertified
community.

What does it mean to be Bear Smart?

- **Human-wildlife conflicts arise when people allow bears/wildlife to access non-natural food sources. When bears gain access to human food, garbage and other attractants, they become food-conditioned and human-habituated.**
- **This poses an increased risk to public safety, and ultimately can mean a tragic outcome for the bear. Being Bear Smart means that we recognize our roles and responsibilities in living with wildlife and make community-wide efforts to reduce human-wildlife conflicts.**

The Ministry of Environment provided this accreditation to the District in 2010 with Squamish being the 2nd community in BC to receive such certification. This means we do things a bit differently and have a higher level of care when it comes to reducing conflicts between humans and wildlife.

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The District of Squamish is a Bear Smart certified community.

What you can do as a business owner in Squamish:

- **Store and secure all wildlife attractants.**
- **Lock and secure garbage and organics totes with both locks always, even when empty. Never place totes curbside the night before, even if locked.**
- **Lock and secure garbage and organic dumpsters always. Ensure staff are educated and on-board.**
- **Contact GFL if your tote/lock/dumpster is broken: 604.892.5604 or squamishtotes@gflenv.com**
- **Rinse all recyclables to remove food residue and reduce odours.**

- Visit squamish.ca/enews to receive community wildlife alerts.
- Report all wildlife sightings and/or encounters to the 24-hour BC Conservation Officer Service at 1.877.952.7277
- Report wildlife attractant bylaw concerns to bylaw@squamish.ca or 604.815.5067