

Safety Awareness Bulletin

West Valley College

Incident Type: Aggressive Coyotes on Campus

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The purpose of this bulletin is to notify the West Valley College Community and visitors, to be extra aware of their surroundings after receiving reports of coyotes acting aggressively or coming in close proximity to people. Coyote sightings have been widespread on campus and encounters suggest they did not appear to be afraid of people and did not back away when challenged.

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife offers suggestions to help prevent interactions between humans and coyotes:

- Never feed or attempt to tame coyotes. The result may be deadly conflicts with pets or livestock, or serious injuries to small children
- Do not leave small children or pets outside unattended. Be aware that coyotes are more active when feeding and protecting their young.
- If followed by a coyote, make loud noises. If this fails, throw rocks in the animal's direction.
- If a coyote attacks a person, immediately contact the nearest Department of Fish and Wildlife or law enforcement office.

IF YOU ENCOUNTER A COYOTE ON CAMPUS THAT APPEARS AGGRESSIVE, NOTIFY THE DISTRICT POLICE DEPARTMENT AT 408-299-3233

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY CALL 911

