



**SPECIAL ALERT BULLETIN / MORENO VALLEY CAMPUS
MOUNTAIN LION SIGHTING**

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To: All Faculty/Staff and Students of the Moreno Valley Campus:

As everyone is aware, the back hills of the Moreno Valley Campus are home to many types of wild life including mountain lions. Recently the Moreno Valley Campus has observed lion activity in public use areas around the campus. Generally the animals are calm, quiet, and elusive, but people must remember that they are wild creatures and potentially dangerous. Precautions should be taken. Mountain lions are also a protected species.

What to do if you encounter a Mountain Lion:

Although the chance of meeting a mountain lion is extremely small, it is possible. Lions are most active from dusk to dawn, although they will travel and hunt in daylight. If one is encountered, do not run, stay calm, and back away slowly only if you can do so safely. Try to scare the lion by making yourself appear bigger by waving your arms and creating a lot of noise. Most importantly, do not walk, jog or bike alone especially near the back hillside area of the campus. If a mountain lion attacks, fight back.

Safety Measures

College Safety and Police have notified the California Department of Fish and Game, but available deterrent options are limited given the mountain lion's protected status. Officers will be placing signs near the entry points to the hillside reminding everyone to be observant of the wildlife. We also will continue to patrol the hillside in vehicles to keep the wildlife away from campus. For further information about mountain lions or other wildlife indicative to the area, visit the California Department of Fish and Game website at: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov>.

If you observe a mountain lion in the vicinity of the campus, call College Safety and Police at (952) 222-8171. If you witness an attack, immediately call 911.