

## **Living in Mountain Lion Country**

- Acknowledge that you live in mountain lion country and make a commitment to educate yourself. Talk to your neighbors and work together
- Never feed deer or other wildlife; it is illegal to feed deer and other big game in California and it will attract mountain lions. It is also against PMCPOA rules.
- Deer-proof your landscaping by avoiding plants that deer like to eat
- Trim brush to reduce hiding places for mountain lions
- Don't leave small children or pets outside unattended, especially when mountain lions are most active – dawn, dusk and at night.
- Don't feed pets outside to avoid attracting animals that are potential mountain lion prey.

## **What to do if you Encounter a Mountain Lion**

Mountain lions primarily eat deer, but, if allowed, they will prey on vulnerable pets and livestock. Mountain lion attacks on humans is extremely rare, but it has happened in California. The following safety information is directly from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

- Do not hike, bike or jog alone. Stay alert on trails.
- Avoid hiking or jogging when mountain lions are most active – dawn, dusk and at night.
- Keep a close watch on small children.
- Off-leash dogs are at an increased risk of becoming prey for a mountain lion.
- Never approach a mountain lion. Give them an escape route.
- DO NOT RUN. Running may trigger chase, catch and kill response. A cat's vision is based on movement.
- Face the animal, make noise and try to look bigger by waving your arms, opening your jacket; throw rocks or other objects. Pick up small children.
- DO NOT scream or use high-pitched tones. Be vocal, but speak calmly.

- If a lion attacks, fight back. If knocked down, try to protect your head and neck. Call 911.

Report unusual mountain lion behavior to your local California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Mountain Lions are a protected species under the California Endangered Species Act (CESA). Help prevent unwanted conflicts with these beautiful wild animals. Do your part, keep them wild.