

# City of El Monte—Neighborhood Services Division

## COYOTE ALERT



There have been sightings of Coyotes in the area. Coyotes may come out at any time of the day or night. A number of factors encourage coyotes to interact with humans including: people leaving out food for animals and the presence of unenclosed refuse containers and dense vegetation. Coyotes are wild animals. Do not encourage or approach them. They are smart, fast and will take what they can get.

### HUMAN SAFETY:

- Never approach or feed ANY strange animal
- Never ignore, turn your back or run from a coyote
- Be as big and loud as possible
- Wave your arms and throw objects
- Teach children never to approach coyotes, just as you would warn them about stray dogs.
- Let neighbors and friends know coyotes have been seen in the area

### PET SAFETY

- Keep pets on a short leash
- Use extra caution dusk through dawn
- Avoid known or potential den sites and thick vegetation
- Do not allow dogs to interact with coyotes

## BE PREPARED!

### If You Have Concerns About an Encounter With A Coyote:

- Be on alert during outdoor activities after dusk
  - Walk with a walking stick
  - Keep a deterrent spray handy
- Carry noise makers or rocks to throw



**IN A LIFE-THREATENING EMERGENCY, PLEASE CALL 911 FOR POLICE RESPONSE.**