

# Human-Wildlife Interactions

## What is a wildlife emergency?

Wildlife emergencies are incidents involving wild animals in which an immediate danger to public health and safety is present. Contact the SCDNR Emergency number and/or the Myrtle Beach Police Department. Contact SCDHEC for rabies control inquiries.

*Myrtle Beach Police Department may only respond to wild animal complaints, in which the animal is sick, injured and/or the animal is an immediate and present danger to public health and safety.*

## Nuisance wildlife problems?

Wildlife nuisances must be handled by the individual home or property owner. Resources and guides are available at: [www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/nuisance.html](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/nuisance.html) or questions may be directed to a Nuisance Wildlife Control Operator. A list of NWCOs is available at: [www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/docs/nwco.pdf](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/docs/nwco.pdf).

### General Nuisance Wildlife Guidelines:

- Property owners may take a nuisance wild animal (examples: foxes, coyotes, raccoons, opossums, squirrels, etc.) within 100 yards of his/her property; however, *Myrtle Beach City Ordinance prohibits discharging firearms or air rifles (Sec. 14-101)*. Contacting a NWCO is suggested for animal nuisance issues.
- Relocation and transfer of wildlife is prohibited (SC 50-11-2570) to prevent the spread of diseases, such as: rabies, distemper and parasites.
- Property owners may obtain a permit to remove dangerous nuisance alligators from SCDNR; feeding alligators is illegal.
- Myrtle Beach City Ordinance (Sec. 4-5) prohibits creating a neighborhood nuisance by feeding wildlife.

### Additional Helpful Wildlife Websites:

Wildlife Rehabilitators: [www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/rehab.html](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/rehab.html)

Bear sightings: [www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/bear/sightingsform.html](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/bear/sightingsform.html)

Alligators: [www.dnr.sc.gov/gatorc.html](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/gatorc.html)

Sea Turtles: [www.dnr.sc.gov/seaturtle/](http://www.dnr.sc.gov/seaturtle/)

SC DHEC: [www.scdhec.gov](http://www.scdhec.gov)

## Contacts



### South Carolina Department of Natural Resources

[www.dnr.sc.gov](http://www.dnr.sc.gov)

Regions 4 Offices – including  
Horry County

Street: 217 Ft. Johnson Road,  
Charleston, SC 29412

Mailing: P.O. Box 12559,  
Charleston, SC 29422

#### Emergencies

1 – 800 – 922 – 5231

#### Nuisance Wildlife

(843) 953 – 5291

#### Law Enforcement

(843) 953 – 9307

#### Nuisance Alligator

(843) 546 – 8119

#### Injured Raptors

(843) 971 – 7474

#### Whale-Dolphin Stranding

(843) 820 – 0612

#### Sea Turtles

(843) 953 – 9015

### SC Department of Health and Environmental Control

1931 Industrial Park Road  
Conway, SC 29526

(843) 915 – 8801

### Myrtle Beach Police Dept.

1101 N. Oak Street

Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

Complaints: (843) 918 – 1382

Inquiries: (843) 918 – 1331