

# BE A BEAR SPRAY TRAINER

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Become a **bear spray trainer** and do presentations for youth groups, schools, hunting & fishing organizations, and community events. Simply download the educational materials from the following links:

- 1) **BEAR SPRAY TRAINING VIDEO** shows how to respond to a highly agitated charging bear. This includes within **60 feet, 30 feet, and two scenarios depicting bears charging from their day bed within 15 feet.** Learn how to hold the bear spray canister, remove the safety clip, and direct the bear spray.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TZ5HJHZ8Mfw&t=8s>



Deploying bear spray against a highly agitated, charging bear

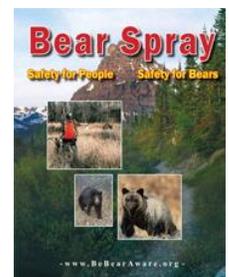


Learn the four scenarios in which an agitated bear might charge and how to stop its charge. This guide is based on the University of Montana's study and development of bear spray. The study showed the importance of a spray distance of 30 or more feet and spray duration of 7 or more seconds.

- 2) **BEAR SPRAY TRAINING GUIDE** Compliments the above video in print form and provides additional information such as guidelines for purchasing a quality bear spray; proper way to hold and deploy bear spray; how bear spray effects a bear; tips for avoiding close encounters; and first aid if you are sprayed. We also justify why a bear spray should have 7+ seconds of spray duration and travel 30+ feet in distance in order to meet a variety of circumstances. <https://bebearaware.org/files/2020/02/BearGuide8Aug42019.pdf>

- 3) **BEAR SPRAY INSTRUCTOR'S GUIDE** This 8-page magazine format provides more history about bear spray and a special section on misinformation. It is the predecessor to the video and training guide.

[https://bebearaware.org/files/2020/03/BearSpray\\_InstructorsGuide.pdf](https://bebearaware.org/files/2020/03/BearSpray_InstructorsGuide.pdf)



- 4) **BEAR SPRAY FACT SHEET** Features key information about bear spray, including suggested minimum duration and distance, the active ingredients Capsaicin and related Capsaicinoids, and more.

<https://bebearaware.org/files/2020/04/bearspraybasics.pdf>



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- 5) **Bear Spray Works PowerPoint Presentation** covers all aspects of bear spray from its research and development, the resulting industry standards, EPA registration, purchasing tips, what to look for on the can, why bear spray is different than pepper spray, and how to deploy bear spray properly.



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- 6) **Bear Awareness PowerPoint Presentation** covers bear safety tips for hiking, biking, camping, hunting and fishing, and residential homes. Also includes the four most common bear charge scenarios and how to deploy bear spray in each situation.



[https://bebearaware.org/files/2020/09/Bear\\_Awareness\\_PowerPoint\\_6-2-20-converted.pdf](https://bebearaware.org/files/2020/09/Bear_Awareness_PowerPoint_6-2-20-converted.pdf)

- 7) **ADDITIONAL BEAR SPRAY INFORMATION** is available on the BeBearAware.org website <https://bebearaware.org/> or on our YouTube page at: <https://www.youtube.com/bebearaware> Here you can find television news reports about bear spray, additional videos and print material to download and handout.

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