



Mountain Lion Tips

The purpose of this alert is to notify Montclair District homeowners that mountain lions have been sighted in the area, both in the adjoining East Bay Regional Parks and even wandering in the neighborhoods. Mountain lion sightings have been reported in the vicinity of both Howard Elementary and King Estates Middle Schools.

Based on these sightings, the Oakland Police Department has cautioned that “people could absolutely be at risk.” Therefore, the Emergency Preparedness and Response Team is listing the following “precautions that can be taken” according to an article written in the Montclarion newspaper:

Homeowners:

- Remove dense vegetation from around the home
- Install outdoor lighting to make it difficult for mountain lions to approach unseen
- Do not leave out dog or cat food, which would attract animals that could be a lion's prey
- Do not leave your dog leashed in your yard

Hikers and walkers:

- Do not walk alone
- Leash your pet
- Carry a whistle or air horn
- If you encounter a mountain lion, make yourself bigger by waving your arms--but do not run