

Here is the advise given to participants on the Safety Consideration handout:

Avoid Dangerous Wildlife

Its Alaska, so there is always the possibility of encountering potential dangerous wildlife such as wasps, moose, or bears at any of our venues.

- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Keep your distance if you see wasps, moose or bear.
- Make noise or use pepper spray to deter an aggressive bear.

In the event of a dangerous wildlife encounter, your job as meet director is to come up with an appropriate response. Here are some considerations:

Injured Participant

- If a participant is injured, provide:
 - assistance with first aid kit;
 - arrange transportation to hospital if needed;
 - or call 911 in case of an emergency.
- Fill out an incident report and turn it into the VP of Events.

Reports of Wasps, Moose or Bears On a Course

- It can be difficult to come up with an effective plan of action, given the mobility of both animals and participants and remoteness of some courses.
- Warn those going out on the course of the location of animal encounters that you know about. For example, *there are wasps between control 7 &8 or a moose with calf right is right at control 2.*
 - Consider telling participants to skip a control or leg on a course where there is a persistent problem animal.
- If a moose or bear has **charged or attacked someone**, stay calm and come up with a plan. Depending on the severity, you may want to:
 - not allow anymore participants out on the effected course(s) or discontinue entire meet.
 - send volunteer(s) out to warn participants on effected course(s). The volunteer(s) may want to take bear spray and/or air horn.
 - use whistle, air horn, or car horn to recall participants to the start area.