

Hello Teachers,

We are lucky to live in Alaska where people and moose can coexist. When kids see a moose, they may feel excited or a little scared. They may not know exactly what to do.

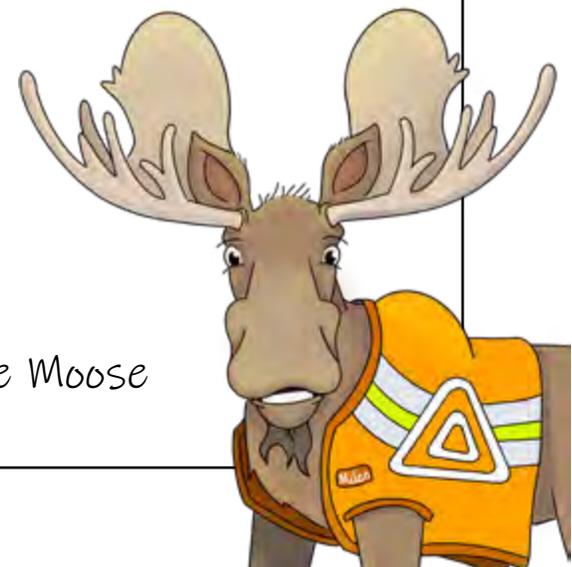
How should kids behave if they come across a moose when playing in their yard, at school or while hiking? How about when a moose is spotted from a vehicle?

To help families stay safe in moose country, Alaska Department of Fish & Game has created an activity packet with coloring sheets, flash cards, links to videos & more!

Please share this information by printing double-sided copies for your students or forwarding this email to families.

Thank you,

Miles the Moose

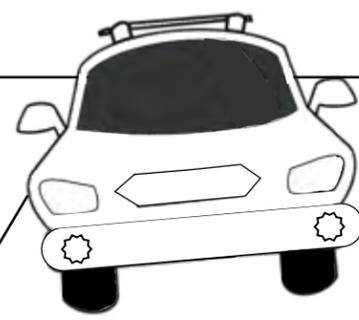
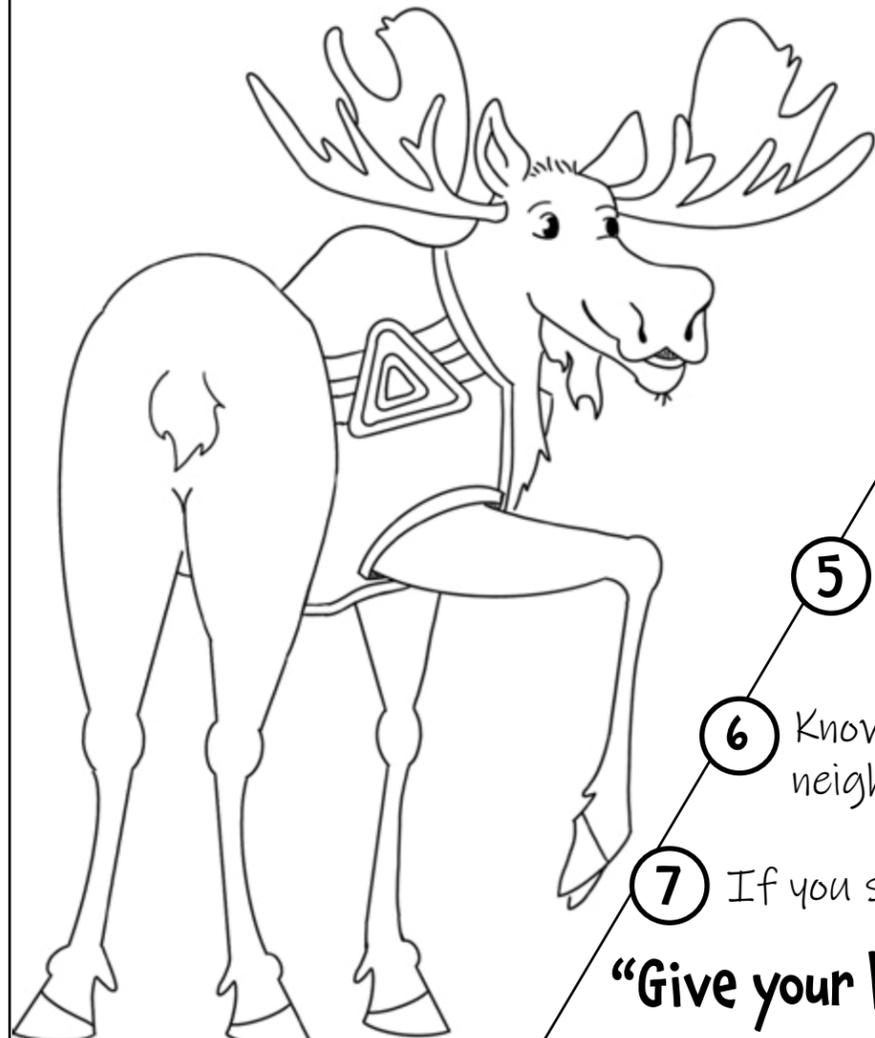




Miles the Moose reminds you to help look for moose when riding in the car. If you see one, tell the driver to slow down and use hazard lights to warn others.

Hi Kids! I'm Miles the Moose.

Share these driving tips with adults and help look for wildlife!



- 1 Slow down at night and in bad weather when it is hard to see.
- 2 Look out for moose and other wildlife on both sides of the car.
- 3 Keep plenty of room between your car and others on the road.
- 4 Clean all the windows and headlights to make it easier to see the road.
- 5 If you see one moose, there may be more! Moose moms often have young nearby.
- 6 Know where moose are often seen in your neighborhood and look for moose-crossing signs.
- 7 If you see wildlife, warn other drivers:

"Give your hazards a flash to avoid a crash!"

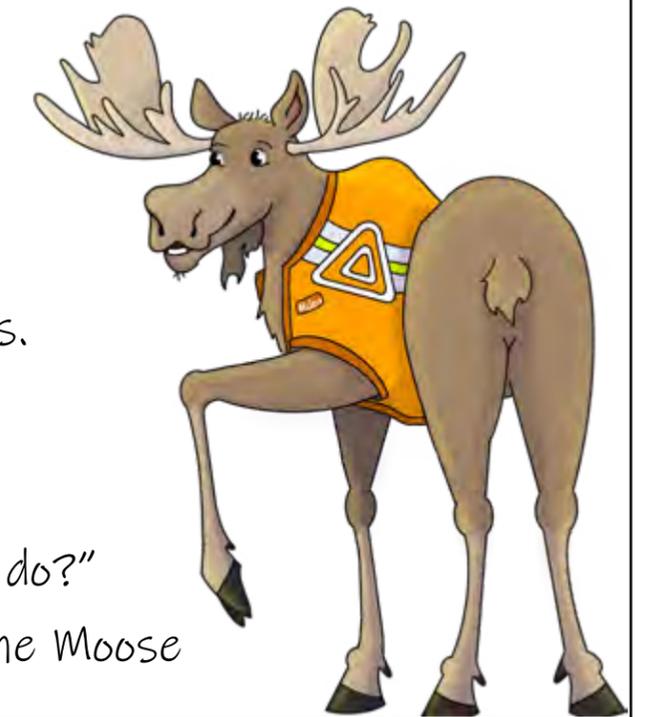
→ Find more info online at adfg.alaska.gov and search "driving with moose."

MOOSE SAFETY FLASH CARDS

Grab a partner and test your moose safety knowledge.

Instructions:

1. Print the flash cards on cardstock paper. Print double-sided so answers appear correctly on the back of each card.
2. Cut along the dotted lines.
3. Divide cards equally among players.
4. Take turns asking questions, making sure the answer on the back is not visible to others.
5. Read the correct answer aloud.



"How did you do?"
- Miles the Moose

If a moose charges, what should you do?

- A. Run and get behind something like a tree or car.
- B. Stand your ground & raise your arms in the air.
- C. Shout at it & throw rocks.

Should you offer food to a moose that looks hungry?

- A. Yes, they need extra calories to survive the winter.
- B. Only if it frequently comes around people and is used to being fed.
- C. No, it is illegal & dangerous.

How can you tell if a moose is upset?

- A. Ears are laid back.
- B. Hair is raised on it's back.
- C. It stops what it's doing & stares directly at you.
- D. Any or all of the above.

Why should you be extra cautious around a mother moose?

Is it legal to feed a moose?

What things might upset a moose?

- A. A barking or aggressive dog.
- B. Throwing snowballs at it.
- C. Getting too close.
- D. All of the above.

What should you do if a moose knocks you to the ground?

- A. Play dead.
- B. Start kicking your legs.
- C. Curl up in a ball and protect your head.

If you see a moose on a trail, you should:

- A. Turn around and go back the way you came from.
- B. Try talking to it as you pass it by.
- C. Tell an adult.
- D. Both A and C.

If you spot a moose when driving, you should:

- A. Slow down but keep driving if it is safe to do so.
- B. Warn other drivers by flashing your hazard lights.
- C. Look for other moose.
- D. All of the above.

What does Miles the Moose want drivers to do if they see a moose on the road?

List three safety tips for driving in moose country.

Avoid a confrontation with a moose by giving it plenty of _____.

<p>Mother moose with young calves are very protective and will attack humans who come too close.</p>	<p>D. Any or all of the above.</p>	<p>C. No, it is illegal & dangerous. Moose that are fed by humans often become conditioned and will act aggressively when they are not fed as expected.</p>	<p>A. Run and get behind something like a tree or car.</p>
<p>D. Both A and C are correct.</p>	<p>C. Curl up in a ball and protect your head.</p>	<p>D. All of the above.</p>	<p>No. Feeding a moose is illegal and dangerous.</p>
<p>space</p>	<p>Acceptable answers: 1. Slow down. 2. Look on both sides of road. 3. Keep plenty of room between cars. 4. Clean windows & headlights. 5. Look for more moose nearby. 6. Look for moose crossing signs. 7. Warn other drivers by flashing your hazard lights.</p>	<p>Give your hazards a flash to avoid a crash.</p>	<p>D. All of the above.</p>

MORE MOOSE SAFETY RESOURCES

Check out safety videos, maps, stories from the road, and more!

*The information on this page can be found at adfg.alaska.gov. Search for the hyperlink titles.



- Websites:** Explore these websites to learn about moose safety.
 - [Living with Moose](#): How to safely coexist with moose.
 - [Aggressive Moose](#): Understanding body language of a stressed moose can help you stay safe.
 - [Driving in Moose Country](#): Miles the Moose recommends safe driving tips.
- Videos:** Watch these videos and perform a skit about staying safe around moose.
 - [Featured Video: Staying Safe Around Urban Moose](#): A 12-minute video produced by ADF&G and Mirror Lake Middle School.
 - [Give Your Hazards a Flash!](#) Visit vimeo.com/adfg for this 30-second public service announcement.
- Story Map:** [Moose-Vehicle Collisions in Alaska](#)
 - Heat maps: Explore where moose are commonly seen along roadways. Find your neighborhood and follow the path to your school. Next, identify the route you take to the grocery store. Are there any moose "hot spots" along the way?
 - Stories from the Road: Have you witnessed or been in an accident with a moose? If you would like to share your story, email it to: sierra.doherty@alaska.gov. We will notify you if it is posted on our website or used in social media.
- Public Serviv Announcement (Audio PSA)**

Visit [Driving in Moose Country](#) and scroll to the bottom of the page. Listen to recordings of different PSA's. Which one is your favorite? Why?

Now write your own PSA using the phrase, "Look out for moose" and/or "Give your hazards a flash to avoid a crash!"