

# When dingoes come close

Dingoes are very good at following food scents. If they come by your camp site or house, never encourage them to come closer. They are not pets and can be aggressive. Children and even small teenagers are particularly vulnerable as the dingoes may try to dominate them.

## If you feel threatened by a dingo:

- Stand up to your full height.
- Face the dingo.
- Keep your arms close to your body, and maintain eye contact.
- Calmly back away.
- If in pairs, stand back to back.
- Confidently call for help.
- Do not run or wave your arms.

## Reporting an incident

For all emergencies phone Triple Zero (000).

Seek medical advice if injured, and report any negative dingo encounters to a QPWS ranger or phone 4925 8000 and leave a message, with your contact details.

Negative encounters are when one or more dingoes steal something, come close and threaten or attack. These can be:

- tearing tents
- stealing property
- circling
- lunging
- chasing
- bailing up or 'herding' people into a lake or the ocean
- nipping
- biting
- savagely attacking.

Help QPWS rangers to accurately profile dingoes. Email any information about any encounter with a dingo—good or not so good—to [qpws@npsr.qld.gov.au](mailto:qpws@npsr.qld.gov.au)

Include the time, date, location, nature of the encounter and any distinguishing features of the dingo. Photographs are very helpful.

HELP!!



## Be dingo-safe!

- ✓ NEVER feed dingoes.
- ✓ Always stay within a couple of metres of your children.
- ✓ Walk in groups.
- ✓ Do not run. Running or jogging can trigger a negative dingo interaction.
- ✓ Lock up food stores and iceboxes.
- ✓ Never store food or food containers in tents.
- ✓ Secure all rubbish, fish and bait.

## Further information

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