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!”

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.

Is it legal to feed a moose?
A. Ears are laid back.
B. Hair is raised on its back.
C. It stops what it’s doing & stares directly at you.
D. Any or all of the above.

How can you tell if a moose is upset?

What things might upset a moose?
A. A barking or agressive 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.

Avoid a confrontation with a moose by giving it plenty of ________.
**Mother moose with young calves are very protective and will attack humans who come too close.**

**Mother moose with young calves:**
- **A.** Run and get behind something like a tree or car.
- **B.** Any or all of the above.
- **C.** Curl up in a ball and protect your head.
- **D.** Both A and C are correct.

**Acceptable answers:**
1. Slow down.
2. Look on both sides of road.
3. Keep plenty of room between cars.
5. Look for more moose nearby.
7. Warn other drivers by flashing your hazard lights.

**Give your hazards a flash to avoid a crash.**

**No. Feeding a moose is illegal and dangerous.**

**Moose that are fed by humans often become conditioned and will act aggressively when they are not fed as expected.**

**A.** Feeding a moose is illegal.
**B.** Feeding a moose is dangerous.
**C.** No, it is illegal & dangerous.
**D.** Any or all of the above.

**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 Service 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!”