## **WARNING!** YOU ARE ENTERING ACTIVE BEAR COUNTRY

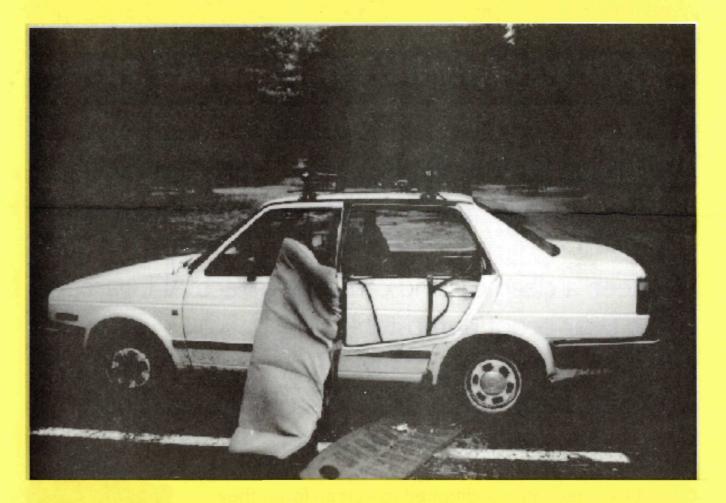
- Bears are breaking into cars in parking lots and campgrounds every night in search of food.
- Store all food, ice chests, and scented items in metal food storage boxes or hard-sided cabins.
- Do not leave food in your car. Bears can even smell food in vehicle trunks and break into them.
- Keep a clean car and campsite place ALL garbage in bear-proof dumpsters.
- In the backcountry, use bear-proof food canisters (see *Yosemite Guide* for rental locations).

Once bears become conditioned to human food, they become unnaturally aggressive and must be killed. In 1998, three bears were killed in Yosemite. Your actions will affect the lives of bears this year.

These guidelines are the best method to reduce the chance of personal injury or property damage. However, bear damage and confrontations are still possible even when all the guidelines are followed.



## Bears broke into over 1300 cars in 1998 in search of food.



## Don't let your car become this year's statistic!