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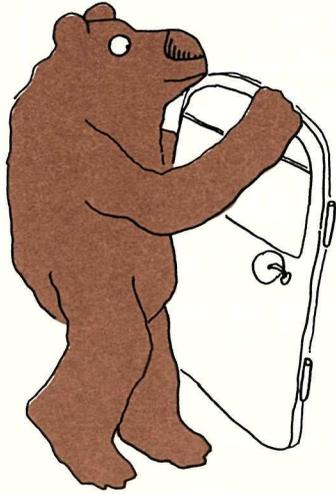
By my ~~lack of concern~~
and ~~carelessness~~ **ACTION** in
storing food,
I ~~hereby~~ **HAVE NOT** **d**
to the death of any
bear visiting my camp.

your signature



The life you save may be...
MINE!

Improper food storage leads to...



Since 1975, more than \$260,000 in property damage related to bears and improper food storage has occurred in Yosemite.



Bears have injured more than 40 Yosemite visitors since 1975 in food-related incidents.

Almost every year the National Park Service has to kill several bears that visitors have conditioned to human food. Continual reinforcement of their "habit" produces an unbreakable link to human food sources.

Consider these Bear Facts

and

Do these Human Acts

- Black bears are park residents.

... We are the visitors. Act as a respectful guest.

- Bears are wild and unpredictable. They normally don't attack or threaten people unless provoked, but our foods attract their interest.

... Respect their wildness and keep a safe distance. Don't tease or crowd them. Avoid getting between a sow and her cubs.

- Bears recognize food and food containers by sight and smell (including ice chests, grocery sacks, cardboard boxes, canned goods, freeze-dried foods, and garbage).



... Store food securely in your car trunk. In a vehicle without a trunk, cover all food and food containers with a blanket and roll up windows. Use food lockers where available.

- Bears consider odorous products to be food.

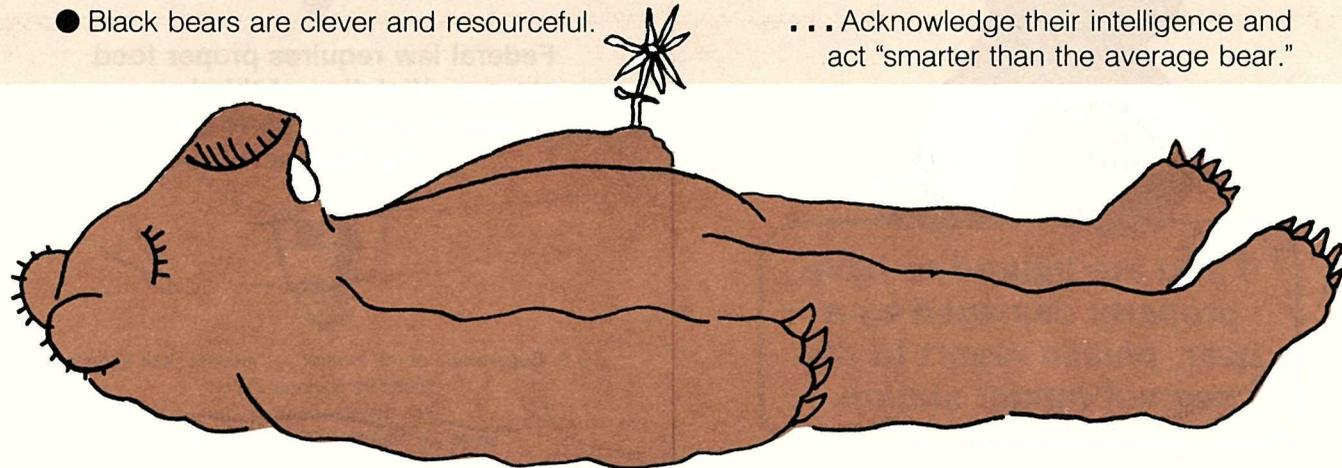
... Store toothpaste, insect repellent, suntan lotion, etc. as if it were food. Dispose of all refuse. Do not leave refuse in an unattended campsite.

- Bears are active all hours, day and night, and in all park campgrounds.

... Except when eating, **store food properly at all times.**

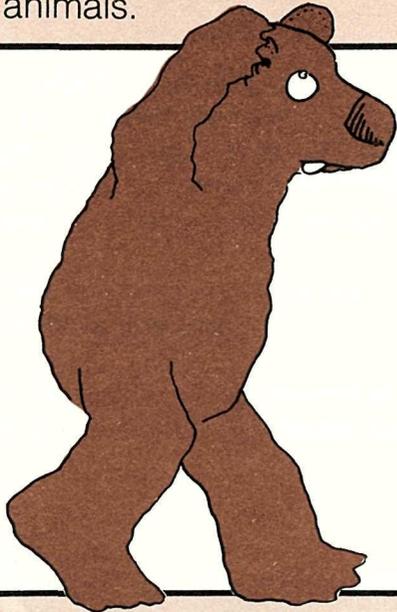
- Black bears are clever and resourceful.

... Acknowledge their intelligence and act "smarter than the average bear."



SURVIVAL PLAN

- Store food in vehicle trunk.
- In vehicles without trunks, cover food completely with blanket.
- Use bear-proof food lockers where provided.
- Use bear-proof garbage cans.
- Keep a clean camp. Don't leave refuse in camp anytime.
- Be respectful of wild animals.



If you are injured or have property damaged by a bear, please report to the nearest ranger station.

Special Food Storage Regulation

Federal law requires that all food be stored in a manner that will prevent bears from gaining access to it. Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations, S7.16 (e) (3) states:

All food or similar organic material must be kept completely sealed in a vehicle or camping unit that is constructed of solid, nonpliable material, or must be suspended at least ten feet above the ground and four feet horizontally from any post or tree trunk. This restriction does not apply to food that is being eaten or is being prepared for eating.

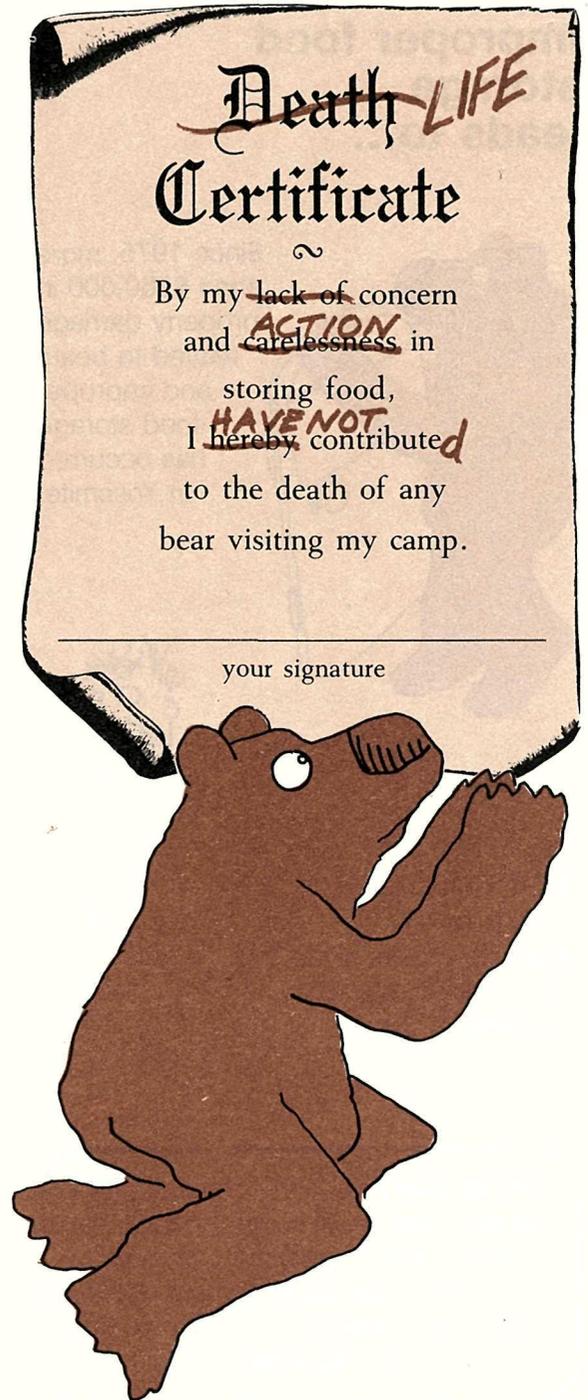
For those people with no vehicle in which to store food, cables are provided in walk-in campgrounds and some designated backcountry sites from which food can be suspended. Food lockers are available in some campgrounds.



Federal law requires proper food storage. Violation of this law can result in a fine of up to \$500 or imprisonment.



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