# **Beware of Bears!**

In recent years, there have been many reports of bear sightings in Takayama City.

## **Be Prepared not to Encounter with Bears**

- Do not walk the areas where bears have been sighted.
- Avoid activities during the morning, evening or when it's foggy.
- Carry a bear bell or radio to alert bears of your presence.
- Do not run where you may encounter with bears.
- ➤ Be careful in areas where bears may hide, such as places with poor visibility such as streams, forests connected to mountains and thickets along rivers.
- To keep bears away, do not leave food scraps at the campsite or outside.

# If you encounter with a bear:

#### In the distance

- Stay calm and slowly move away without running
- Do not take a picture

### <u>Nearby</u>

- Stay calm and slowly back away
- If you have any belongings, put them down to distract the bear while you retreat

Bears are timid animals. A sudden movement may startle them and they may attack.

If you see a bear, please tell a local people nearby. For the latest information, please see the website. <a href="https://www.hida.jp/">https://www.hida.jp/</a>

