

## RESIDENT ALERT: WILDLIFE SAFETY AWARENESS

As partners in the community, the Pembroke Pines Police Department would like to share some helpful information with our residents.

Alligators are one of Florida's most distinctive native creatures and are frequently found in our neighborhoods. Often, if left alone, an alligator basking by the water's edge will simply move on. However, attacks on pets and livestock do occur. If you live near a canal, lake or golf course please be vigilant and do not leave children or pets unattended as we have had several sightings so far this year.

If you encounter an alligator that poses a threat to humans, pets, or livestock, call the Nuisance Alligator Hotline: 1-866-FWC-GATOR (1-866-392-4286).

The FWC (Florida Wildlife Commission) will review your complaint and if necessary, send a licensed nuisance alligator trapper to remove the animal. This is a state funded program and there is no fee for their service.

If the situation is an emergency, a trapper or an FWC officer will be sent to the location immediately, or you can call 911 and have a Pembroke Pines Police Officer respond for assistance.