# △ To all visitors to Tateyama: Beware of Bears!

Tateyama is a wild bear habitat. As this area has seen increased bear encounters this year, visitors should prepare for bear attacks following the safety tips below:

## 1. Avoid encountering bears

- · Check the latest bear locations before hiking or camping. (Interactive map apps: Kumap.)
- · Carry a bear bell or other object that can make loud noises to alert bears.
- · Always be aware of your surroundings and stay in groups.
- Avoid running (esp. near the bear sighting locations and pine tree bush). Running may trigger a
  bear attack.

### 2. Do not poke bears

- Never approach bears (within 50 meters) to observe or photograph.

  Do not shout to scare them away.
- Do not run or turn around when you encounter bears. Slowly back away. Bear spray and a helmet are recommended. Protect your face from attacks as face areas tend to be targeted.

#### 3. Do Not Attract Bears with smells

- Store food and garbage (including cans, plastic bottles, leftover food) in sealed containers (e.g.zipper bags) Bears have a stronger sense of smell than dogs.
- <u>Never leave your garbage</u>. Leaving food or garbage can attract bears to the area and make them associate people with food sources.

### 4. If You Sight Bears

- Please report it to Tateyama Town Hall at 076-462-9974.
- Be especially careful in the early morning and evening when bears are most active.

# 5. Stay Informed about Bear Sighting Locations

• Check the reported bear locations on the "Toyama Prefecture Black Bear Sighting Information Map" [Kumap].

Click here for the Kumap map:



We appreciate your cooperation for your safety to enjoy Tateyama.