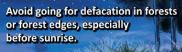
SIMPLE WAYS TO AVOID CONFLICT WITH SLOTH BEARS







AVOID DEFACATION IN THE OPEN



Keep surroundings of your house clean.

Avoid throwing garbage, especially mahua flowers which may attract bears.

If, by chance, you happen to come across a sloth bear...





If you see a bear crossing your path before it sees you, stop and slowly retreat behind.



If a bear charges from a distance, appear large by flailing your arms in the air and shout loudly.



Unfortunately, if a bear attacks you, shout for help and try to protect vital body parts.



If you hear of an attack by a bear, rush the victim to a hospital and inform the Forest Department.

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