

WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND A BABY DEER



LEAVE THE FAWN ALONE

- It's Illegal to take a fawn from the wild. When you remove a fawn from the wild, you have stolen the baby from the mother.
- Fawns left alone are not orphans! Mothers leave fawns alone to rest, eat, and hide the babies from predators.
- When fawns are approached, they lower their heads, lie very still, and take fewer normal breaths, natural defenses. The fawns are not sick or injured.
- Keep your distance. A doe won't return if humans are hanging around. Mothers perceive you as predators and will not return while you're nearby.
- Fawns have an excellent chance of surviving if you leave them alone.
- Humans have well-meaning intentions, but be educated & do what's best for the fawn.



The Five C's:

If an animal demonstrates any of these five symptoms, it is an emergency and he needs immediate help:

- Is he Crying?
- Is he Cold?
- Is he Coming toward you (approaching people)?
- Is he Covered with blood or insects?
- Has he been Caught by a cat or a dog?



If this is the case, contact a licensed wildlife rehabilitator

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