

# Bears protect their cubs.



**Bear Footnote:** When a mother black bear (called a sow) is threatened, she may run away. Her cubs are **not** abandoned, so leave the cubs alone. The sow will return. Never get too close to a bear cub!

Pretend you are a mother bear with cubs. What would you do if humans came near your den?

Observe the female bear in an investigative stance. Name three reasons why she has taken this stance and explain each reason.