



DON'T TOUCH **THAT FAWN!**

It's biologically irresponsible and **ILLEGAL!**

Please do not approach, touch or remove any white-tailed deer fawns you may encounter over the next few weeks.

Do you know . . .

- Whitetail deer are a “hider” species, which means the female will hide her fawn in vegetation during the first two or three weeks of its life as she feeds?
- When left alone fawns have an excellent chance of survival? Despite their delicate appearance, fawns are well equipped to take care of themselves. By the time they're 5 days old, they can outrun a human and by 6 to 10 weeks of age, they can escape most predators.
- When you take a fawn out of the wild and away from its mother, you are doing more harm than good as it will likely die? With the exception of well trained wildlife rehabilitators, most people are ill-equipped to care for a fawn.



What to do if you see a fawn in the wild:

- Leave it where you found it and check on it the following day. Chances are the mother will come to retrieve it when she is done feeding.
- If it is still in the same spot the next day and is bleating loudly, appears cold, weak or thin, it might be orphaned. **DO NOT TAKE IT OUT OF THE WILD.** Contact a local, permitted fawn rehabilitator.



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