

## REPORTING A CRIME

*If you SUSPECT that a wildlife crime is taking, or has taken, place - REPORT IT!*

ANY suspected breaches of the Wildlife Act should be reported immediately to the **National Parks & Wildlife Service (NPWS)**.

Your NPWS Conservation Ranger will be in a position to assess whether your suspicion warrants further investigation

Tel: **(01) 888 3242** | LoCall: **1890 383 000**

Website: **www.npws.ie**

E-mail: **nature.conservation@ahg.gov.ie**

*If a crime or incident is happening now or if anyone is in immediate danger ALSO call An Garda Síochána on **999 or 112***

For non-emergency enquiries contact your local Garda Station, or

Garda HQ Tel: **(01) 666 0000**

Website: **www.garda.ie**

E-mail: **gpro@iol.ie** (No email attachments)

Garda Confidential Line: **1800 666 111**

*If there is a LIVE injured animal at the scene, also call a vet and/or wildlife rehabilitator*

Contact details on Irish Wildlife Matters website **www.irishwildlifematters.ie**

OR

Department of Agriculture, Food & the Marine  
Ask for your local District Veterinary Office who can give you a number for your closest vet

Tel: **(01) 607 2000** | Lo-call: **1890 200 510**

OR

Ireland's Directory Enquiries  
Tel: **11890**

[www.wildlifecrime.ie](http://www.wildlifecrime.ie)

## WHY FIGHT WILDLIFE CRIME?

We need to **protect** natural resources, fauna & flora for future generations

Wildlife is **trafficked** much like drugs, weapons or people – a crime is a crime; they should receive equal priority

We have a duty of care to **prevent** unnecessary pain & suffering

Wildlife crime **damages** Ireland's reputation

Environmental crimes are increasing; putting natural resources & biodiversity at **risk**

We have a duty of care to look after our internationally **important** species & habitats

If we want **change** then we must all do our part to make it happen

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*Poisonings, illegal trapping, baiting, shooting and hunting are horrifyingly commonplace; let's make wildlife crime a thing of the past*

## PROTECT IRELAND'S WILDLIFE NOW!



## WILDLIFE CRIME AND THE LAW IN IRELAND

*What is wildlife crime and why does it matter?*

## WHAT IS WILDLIFE CRIME?

*Wildlife crime is any act that contravenes current legislation governing the protection of wild fauna and flora*

The two principal pieces of national legislation protecting wildlife are the **Wildlife Acts, 1976 to 2012** and the **European Communities (Birds and Natural Habitats) Regulations 2011**, which transposes the E.U. Birds Directive and the Habitats Directive into Irish law

## ENFORCEMENT OF PROTECTION OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA

*Any person who hunts, kills, takes or is in possession of a protected wild animal, wild bird or a specimen of protected wild flora otherwise than under and in accordance with a licence shall be guilty of an offence*

These offences include:

**Bird persecution** – through poisoning, trapping, shooting or disturbance on or near a nest containing eggs or chicks

**Deer poaching**

**Use of illegal traps, snares or nets**

**Unlicensed hare netting or coursing**

**Badger persecution** – including baiting, trapping and disturbance of setts

**Fish poaching**

**Bat persecution** – including disturbance to or destruction of roosts or preventing access to roosts

**Removing protected wild plants**

**Damaging protected sites**

**The trade in protected animals and plants,** including species covered by CITES

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## RECORDING A CRIME

*Do NOT put yourself in harm's way – do not approach a suspect or touch anything you suspect may be poisoned*

*Before you do anything else it is **very important** that:*

You do NOT disturb the scene

You do NOT move any items at the scene

You do NOT mark the site

You do NOT do anything illegal yourself

*Once sure that it is **safe** to do so:*

Record the vehicle and registration  
- *this is very important!*

Record the date and time

Record the person

Record the scene

Record the location

If possible take lots of photos/videos and email them to the National Parks & Wildlife Service [nature.conservation@ahg.gov.ie](mailto:nature.conservation@ahg.gov.ie)

*After reporting an incident, Do NOT return to the scene unless instructed to do so*

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## WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP?

**TAKE ACTION!!!**

Tell your local TD to push for adequate resources to be provided to agencies working to combat wildlife crime

Report ANY suspicious activity

Follow up on your report

Distribute these flyers to schools & libraries

Promote the [www.wildlifecrime.ie](http://www.wildlifecrime.ie) website

Report sightings of non-native species

Safely dispose of toxic substances

Take extreme care if using rodenticides

*For more Irish wildlife crime information visit: [www.wildlifecrime.ie](http://www.wildlifecrime.ie)*



*The 'Wildlife Crime Ireland' website provides...*

Basic information on wildlife crime

Links to further information

Advice on Recognising & Recording a wildlife crime

Contact details for Reporting a wildlife crime

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