



# What to do when **Geese Attack**

**During the spring nesting season, geese can be aggressive. Here's how to reduce the risk.**

## **Nest**

### **Strategies...**

**Erect temporary fencing and use caution tape to create a no-go zone**

**Inform employees of the location to avoid**

**If you can't let nature take its course, contact ODNR for goose damage permits**

**Place signs to discourage people from feeding the geese**



Although employees may enjoy watching their antics, geese are wild animals and they will ferociously protect their young.

During nesting season, females are vulnerable on the nest and males defend them. In the wrong spot, both pedestrians and vehicular traffic seem threatening to the proud papa. He will charge towards the threat – bringing fifteen pounds of fury – creating the potential for injuries.

Adult geese weigh 6 to 18 pounds and have strong chests and wing bones, which are capable of inflicting serious damage. A more frequent hazard is when people trip, fall, or drop what they're carrying when suddenly attacked by a goose.

Geese will also attack vehicles, increasing the chances of collision and injury.

### **If you are threatened by a goose:**

- Stare down your attacker. Don't squint or close your eyes.
- Slowly back away; do not turn your back. Maintain eye contact with the bird.
- Don't act hostile by kicking or hitting towards the goose; this will agitate him further. And the female may leave her nest to join the attack.
- If a goose flies towards your face, duck or move away at a 90 degree angle while still facing the goose.
- Call Ohio Geese Control for a site analysis at 877-914-3373.



**Reclaim your property from geese and enjoy the outdoors again. Ohio Geese Control humanely manages geese populations.**

**Call for a free consultation. 877-914-3373**