

Bear attacks two 87-year-olds inside their home near South Lake Tahoe

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FILE: A bear crossing sign in the Sierra Nevada. (Getty Images)

Wildlife authorities are advising the public to be cautious after a bear attacked two 87-year-old residents in their home off Kingsbury Grade in Nevada, near Stateline and South Lake Tahoe.

It happened Wednesday morning, KRNV-TV reported, and involved a nearly 300-pound bear.

One of the homeowners found the bear as he entered his garage around 4:30 a.m., according to a news release from the Nevada Department of Wildlife. The man subsequently backed away, but the bear scratched his hand and followed him into the house, the department said.

While in the house, the bear also scratched the other homeowner. Eventually, the bear left the house. Both residents had minor injuries and were released from the hospital, the department said.

The agency is warning residents in areas prone to bears to take precautions to avoid similar scenarios.