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If you know what to do when a magpie swoops, you can stay safe and let these birds raise their young.

SAFETY TIPS
Magpies breed between July and November. Avoid an area of 150m around a nest.
Go to www.ehp.qld.gov.au and print out a warning sign to let others know of the swooper.
If you must go near the nest of a swooper:
✓ Wear a hat and sunglasses or hold a school bag or umbrella over your head.
✓ Get off your bike and walk.
✓ ‘Spike up’ your bike helmet with a few cable ties.
✓ Walk in a group.
✓ Watch magpies that you see.
✓ Don’t fight back.
✓ Never approach a young magpie.

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