

Bats, Rabies, and People

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Bats are important for healthy ecosystems and help keep us healthy, too. But bats can get sick with rabies, which they can transmit to people through a bite or scratch.

Can you tell which bat has rabies?

Flip over each bat to learn more about bats and how to protect yourself from rabies.



Rabies is fatal in humans, but it's 100% preventable if you know what to do!

If you have contact with a bat:

- ✓ Wearing gloves, catch the bat safely. It may need to be tested for rabies.
- ✓ Wash the area of skin with soap.
- ✓ Call your doctor for medical evaluation.



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