

WHAT TO DO IF YOU FIND A SICK BAT



BATS ARE PROTECTED WILDLIFE

Bats are an important part of nature. It is illegal to kill, harm or keep a bat.

BATS CAN TRANSMIT RABIES

- Rabies is transmitted through bites and scratches of an infected animal.
- Bat bites and scratches can be so small that they are not noticeable.
- People sleeping, children, or those that cannot reliably report whether they were bitten or scratched by a bat are considered to be exposed and should seek medical attention.

IF YOU FIND A BAT INSIDE YOUR HOME

- Slowly approach the bat and place a box over it, if safe to do so.
- Keep people and pets away from the bat.
- Call your local animal control to retrieve it for testing.

FOR RABIES RISK CONSULTATIONS

- After an animal bite or bat exposure, consult a health care professional as soon as possible.
- You may also contact the Epidemiology Unit:
 - Monday-Friday 8AM-5PM, call (619) 692-8499 or email epi.hhsa@sdcounty.ca.gov.
 - For urgent consultations after-hours, call (858) 565-5255.



*Find your local
animal control*



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about rabies*

