



What to do If You Find a Bat



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Scan the QR code to report an **animal bite**.



Bats are Protected Wildlife

It is illegal for members of the public to kill, harm or keep a bat.

Bats Can Transmit Rabies

Rabies is a deadly disease to both humans and pets including dogs and cats. Any bat that had potential exposure to a human or a pet should be collected by animal control and tested for rabies.

If You Find a Bat Outside That is Sick, Not Moving or Dead

Place a box or bucket over the bat and call your local animal control to retrieve it for testing.

If You Find a Bat Inside Your House and You Did Not See it Enter

Do not release the bat. Exit and close off the room (doors and windows). If safe to do so, place a bucket or box over the bat to contain it. Keep people and pets away from the bat. In this case it is important to call your local animal control to retrieve it for testing.

Never Touch a Bat

Teach children and family members to never touch a bat and to alert an adult if a bat is found on the ground or inside the house.

Reporting an Animal Bite or Suspected Rabies Case

- Orange County Ordinance (4-1-62) requires the OC Rabies Control Desk be informed whenever a person is bitten or scratched by any warm-blooded mammal. The Rabies Control Desk also is to be informed of the location of any animal suspected of having rabies or showing any signs of disease or unusual behavior.
- After an animal bite or a bat exposure, call:
OC Animal Care – Rabies Control Desk
(714) 796-6421 Hours: Monday through Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. or
(714) 259-1122 After hours, weekends, and holidays.

