

CAPTURING BATS

Bats that may have come into contact with people or pets should be captured and tested for rabies.



If professional assistance is not available, follow the steps to safely capture a bat and save it for testing:

- **Find a small container** like a box or a large can and a piece of cardboard large enough to cover the opening in the container. Punch small air holes in the cardboard.
- **Put on leather work gloves.** When the bat lands, approach it slowly and place the container over it. Slide the cardboard under the container to trap the bat inside.
- If you are certain there's been **no contact** between the bat and any people or pets, carefully hold the cardboard over the container and take the bat outdoors, and release it away from people and pets.
- If there's any **question about contact** between the bat and people or pets, you'll want to save the bat for testing. Tape the cardboard to the container, securing the bat inside, and then contact your health department to have the bat tested for rabies.

For more information, contact your installation's Department of Public Health.
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