

# Protect your family from **Bats!**



**Keep them out of  
your house and away  
from you!**

## Did you know...

- Bats are most active between the months of May and August. Bat-proof your home before these months.
- Bats with rabies might not look sick.

## How do I “bat-proof” my house? Keep them out...

- Look for holes in common entry places like the garage, attic, and basement.
- Plug up any holes in the house with steel wool.
- Repair window screen holes with wire mesh.
- Caulk any other openings or cracks.

## What do I do if there is a bat in my house? Trap and test...

- Trap all bats found in your house. It is important that all bats that come into contact with people get tested.
- Before trapping the bat, protect yourself with gloves and a hat.
- Keep the bat inside—do not let it escape outdoors. Shut the door of the room to keep the bat isolated. Turn on the lights to slow the bat down. Collect the bat in a container with a secure lid. Call Animal Disease Control at 435-3165 for further instruction.
- If you cannot trap the bat, call a trapper. Look in the yellow pages under “Animal Removal—Wildlife”.

## What do I do if someone gets bitten by a bat? Clean and seek care...

- Wash the area where the bite occurred with soap and water.
- See your health care provider immediately.

## Protect your pets...

- Prevent pets from contracting rabies by keeping their rabies shots up-to-date.



**For more information call  
Animal Disease Control at  
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or visit [www.ongov.net/health](http://www.ongov.net/health)**

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