FACT: Bats Can Carry Rabies

Bat bites and scratches are often **small** and **unnoticeable**. If there is a chance you could have been bitten or scratched (for example, you woke up and there was a bat in the room OR if a small child was near the bat), **you should call your doctor's office AND the local health department.**

If possible, safely capture the bat so it can be tested for rabies. **Avoid crushing the bat's head because the brainstem is needed for testing.** DO NOT store the bat in a freezer.

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