



WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT BATS

- Bats that can be approached on the ground or other exposed places are sick.
 - A small number of bats are infected with the rabies virus.
 - Rabies is a fatal disease if left untreated.
- Rabies is transmitted most frequently through the saliva of an infected animal when it bites.
 - Anyone bitten by a bat should seek medical attention immediately.

WHAT TO DO IF YOU ENCOUNTER A BAT

- **Don't touch it!**
- If bat is alive and near the ground, or bat is dead but in an area that a student may have come in contact with, report to school front office immediately. Don't take any chances even if no one admits to having come in contact with it, report it anyway.
 - Front Office should call M&O Dispatch and have bat picked up from the school.
 - Front Office should alert Safety and Risk Manager that bat has been found, where, when and by who.
 - Someone should stand guard until bat can be picked up by M&O to insure that no one comes in contact with the bat. A trash can or box should be placed over it until M&O comes to pick up.
 - **NEVER, NEVER attempt to pick up bat with bare hands!!**
Remember bats can bite even through thick working gloves!
- Safety and Risk Manager will contact Animal Control, ensure that bat is tested, and will keep school posted on results.