

Bat Safety Tips

The summer months are known as an active season for bats, so it is not uncommon for a lost or confused bat to find its way into your home. If you have any question regarding bats please call Animal Control at 908-722-1271.



WHAT TO DO IF A BAT IS IN YOUR HOME:

- Assess if you or anyone in your household has been in an enclosed room with the bat.
- Check carefully for bites and scratch marks; they can be difficult to see.
- If you believe that you have been bitten, wash the area immediately with soap and water and contact your healthcare provider.
- If you awake to find a bat in your room, or believe you were bitten, attempt to trap the bat in one room by closing the doors/windows. Do not release the bat. It must be captured and tested for rabies.
 - Call Animal Control Solutions at (908) 722-1271 for assistance in capturing the bat.
 - Call your healthcare provider to discuss if rabies prophylaxis treatment is warranted.
- If no one in your household has had contact with the bat, assist it by opening windows and exterior doors, and by closing any doors to adjacent rooms. Turn off lights and ceiling fans. Remain quiet and patient.
- If the bat does not leave on its own you can call animal control for assistance.