

DANGER?



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Do you think a bat might be sick?

Be careful, the bat might be dangerous!

Bats can be carriers of rabies, a fatal disease for humans and a threat to companion animals. Although it is rare (less than 1% of bats are afflicted), physical contact with bats should always be avoided.

Is the bat on the ground, or can it be easily reached?

Be careful! You might not notice an injury caused by a bat.

Be extra careful:

- Make sure that no person or pet comes into contact with the bat or touches it, even if it seems healthy.
- Wear thick gloves with no holes.
- Follow the following procedure to capture the bat safely.



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- Keep the bat so it can be tested.
- Contact the ministry responsible for wildlife management.
- Disinfect your gloves after use.

In case of contact with a bat, or when in doubt:

- Wash the exposed skin with soap and water for 15 minutes.
- Call the health information line (Info-santé) (8-1-1 for Quebec).
- If your companion animal could have come into contact with the bat, call a veterinarian immediately.

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