

ANIMAL INCIDENTS/NUISANCE WILDLIFE

Any direct physical contact with an unknown animal, especially if it results in a bite or scratch, could have serious health consequences. In fact, wild animals - alive or dead - can spread disease and may pose potential physical hazards. Contact includes exposure of a person's eyes, nose, mouth and non-intact skin (cut, scratched, burned, etc...) to animal blood or saliva. It also includes a bite, scratch or kick from a wild animal.

Notification Procedures:

RUPD (New Brunswick 732-932-7111, Newark 973-353-5111 or 973-972-4491, Camden 856-225-6111):

- In the event of an injury or any other physical contact with an unknown or wild animal
- If an animal is showing aggression or unusual behavior.
- If you had any bat exposure or encounter.
- When an animal is injured or inside a non-residential building after normal work hours

Student Health or Occupational Health (New Brunswick 848-932-7402, Newark 973-353-5231, Camden 856-225-6005, Occupational Health 848-932-8254):

- In the event of an injury or any other physical contact with an unknown or wild animal
- Any bat encounters

Facilities (New Brunswick 848-445-1234, HSC-N 973-972-5400, Newark 973-353-5441, Camden 856-225-6000): When an animal is injured or found inside a non-residential building during normal work hours (Monday - Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm)

Housing (New Brunswick 848-932-1001, HSC-N 973-972-5400, Newark 973-353-1037, Camden 856-225-6471): When an animal is injured or found inside a residential building during normal work hours (Monday - Friday, 8:30am to 4:30pm)

Bat Exposure: If you think you have been in any of following situations, call Student Health or Occupational Health.

- Being bitten by a bat
- Sleeping individuals awakening to find a bat in the same room, (not just in the house)
- Young children playing alone and unobserved in a room with a bat
- Incapacitated individuals (including intoxicated individuals) with one of these types of exposure

The following tips can help prevent people from being injured, or to minimize the injury, by an animal and/or other wildlife:

- DO NOT ATTEMPT TO REMOVE OR DISTURB THE ANIMAL OR WILDLIFE!
- Do not come into contact with it. Tell others to vacate the area if a dangerous animal may still be nearby.
- Be prepared to give your name, location and if possible, the species or type of animal/wildlife involved. Keep track of names and contact information for anyone else that may have been exposed to the animal.
- If a wild animal, such as a bat or a raccoon, is inside of a building, try to isolate it in a room by closing doors behind it and keeping others away.