



BATS

are occasionally found in campus buildings, usually roosting in attics or other dark, unoccupied spaces. If you encounter a bat, do not disturb it. Report its location to CPFM's Work Control at 541-346-2319 for safe removal. Only trained individuals may enter spaces occupied by bats for purposes of cleanup and maintenance.

POTENTIAL DISEASES FROM BATS:

RABIES

- Bats are a common vector for the rabies virus.
- Rabies is incurable but only transferred by saliva (via a bite) or, very rarely, a scratch.
- About 6% of bats captured in the US for rabies testing have rabies (CDC, 2011).

HISTOPLASMOSIS (HISTOPLASMOSIS CAPSULATUM)

- Is a fungus that can grow in bat feces (guano). In areas where bats have roosted over long periods of time, it should be assumed that Histoplasma is a hazard. Spores remain viable in soil for at least 10 years.
- Spores are inhaled and can result in pulmonary (lung) infections and chronic illness.

AFTER A BITE:

- If possible, secure the area where the bat is located so it can be captured.
- If a bite breaks the skin, wash with soap and water right away and get medical attention at the nearest emergency clinic! A rabies vaccine may be advised.
- Report the incident to the UO's Risk Management at 541-346-8316 or safety.uoregon.edu/risk-management-and-insurance/!
- If it breaks the skin, the bite must be reported to Lane County Public Health, more info at lanecounty.org.



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