

CATCH the BAT

*When in doubt,
don't let it out!*



Risk of Undetected Bat Bites

May occur through bare skin contact or if a bat is found in a room with:

- Sleeping person
- Unattended young child
- Someone sensory deprived due to disability or intoxication

Found a bat in your home?

If there is any chance the bat came in contact with a person or pet: catch the bat and have it tested for rabies.

If the bat did NOT come in contact with a person or pet: close all room and closet doors, open the windows and watch the bat until it leaves.

To Reduce Risk of Encounter:

- Replace missing window screens.
- Keep window screens closed.
- Check for gaps around fans and air conditioning.
- Avoid leaving doors open during evening, night, and early morning.

**Report any bite or possible bat exposure to the
Tompkins County
Health Department.**

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- Turn on lights and close all windows and doors.
- Wait for the bat to land.
- **While wearing gloves**, place a coffee can or similar container over the bat. **Avoid touching the bat!**
- Slide a piece of cardboard under the container and seal with tape to trap the bat.

Call the TCHD
Environmental Health Division:

(607) 274 - 6688



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