BATS SHOULD NEVER BE IN YOUR HOME!

Please consult with San Juan Basin Public Health before releasing or destroying a bat.

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PRECAUTIONS TO CAPTURE A BAT SAFELY

What you will need:

- Thick, industrial leather work gloves
- Small plastic box, Tupperware, or coffee can
- Piece of cardboard and tape, or lid to container

When the bat lands, approach it slowly, while wearing the gloves, and contain in the box or coffee can.

Bats cannot fly from the ground position; the bat will not take off as you attempt to contain it.

Immediately contact San Juan Basin Public Health or your animal-control authority to make arrangements for rabies testing.

IF A BAT IS PRESENT IN YOUR HOME:

- The bat must be safely captured and tested for rabies.
- If not, costly rabies post exposure treatment may be recommended by public health officials.

YOU SHOULD SEEK MEDICAL ADVICE EVEN IN THE ABSENCE OF AN OBVIOUS BITE WOUND:

- Some people may not be aware of a bite occurring, especially when sleeping.
- Bats have small teeth which may leave marks that are not easily seen.

KEEP RABIES VACCINATION CURRENT FOR YOUR ANIMALS:

- If your animal’s rabies vaccination is not current, it may need to be quarantined or even euthanized after an exposure.