

What is rabies?

- A deadly virus affecting the brain and nervous system of mammals.
- Spread through the saliva, usually bites or scratches, from infected animals. Mammals can carry rabies even if they look healthy.
- Fatal if untreated, 100% preventable with prompt medical care.

What wildlife potentially carrying rabies may you encounter at UConn?

- Bats
- Raccoons
- Skunks
- Other mammals (e.g., foxes, coyotes, woodchucks, etc.)



How can you prevent wild animals from entering UConn dorms and buildings?

- Keep windows and doors closed or screened to prevent animals from entering. Never prop doors open, especially at night.
- Secure potential food sources (e.g. garbage cans).
- Contact Facilities Operations if gaps or other openings to the building exist (e.g., broken screens/ windows, openings in walls or roofs, etc.).
- Report signs of animal behavior to University Safety (e.g., scratching in the walls, animal droppings, foul smells, gnaw marks on wood, structural damage around entry points, etc.).

What do you do if you find a wild animal indoors?



- **DO NOT TOUCH IT**
- **Keep Your Distance** - Alert others and keep pets and people away.
- **Secure the Area** - Close interior doors to contain the animal. Open windows or exterior doors if safe.
- **Report** - Contact Facilities Operations (860-486-3113) immediately to have a vendor remove the animal. For unusual animal behavior contact University Safety (860-486-4800).


What do you do if you were bitten or scratched, or if a wild animal was found in your sleeping area?

- Wash the wound with soap and water.
- Seek medical care immediately at Student Health and Wellness (students) and contact your licensed health care professional.
- Work with your licensed health care professional to determine if anti-rabies treatment is necessary. Rabies vaccines (PEP) are highly effective if started early.

For additional
rabies information
scan here:



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