

## 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 residence halls 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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