

Australian Bat LYSSAVIRUS

IMPORTANT HEALTH INFORMATION



Lyssavirus is a rabies-like virus that can be fatal to humans.
All Australian bats have the potential to carry lyssavirus.

DO NOT TOUCH ANY BATS especially if they seem distressed, injured or sick. Contact an experienced animal handler.

If you are bitten or scratched by a bat, **WASH THE WOUND THOROUGHLY** with soap and water (**DO NOT SCRUB**). **SEEK MEDICAL ADVICE IMMEDIATELY.**

There is no known risk of catching lyssavirus from bat urine or faeces, but if either get into your eyes, nose, mouth or into an open wound, **FLUSH WITH WATER** to prevent other infections.



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