



DID YOU KNOW?

RABIES

WHAT IS RABIES?

Rabies is a preventable virus spread through bites and scratches of an infected animal. If left untreated rabies is fatal.

WHEN BITTEN BY AN ANIMAL:



Wash any wound immediately with soap and water.



Consult nearest Emergency Room, Public Health Office or Health Links – Info Santé 1-888-315-9257 for post exposure information/ guidance.



Isolate and observe the animal (if owned)



Don't destroy the animal.

Tips to avoid Rabies

- Vaccinate your pets.
- Do not let your pets roam free outdoors, especially at night.
- Avoid contact with wildlife and stray animals.
- Do not keep wild animals as pets.
- Do not handle dead animals without using gloves.
- Teach children never to approach unfamiliar or stray animals, even if they seem friendly or appear to be sick and need help.
- Identify and cover potential places where wildlife, including bats, could enter your home such as chimneys.