BATS AND RABIES IN MONTANA

An exposure to a bat:

- Bite or scratch or incidental exposure (e.g., bat found in sleeping areas in the home)

In the event of an exposure:

- Visit your healthcare provider
- Report to local health department
- Consult with local public health to Test for rabies
- If testing is not possible, or the result is positive, Post exposure prophylaxis (PEP) is recommended

Prevention:

- Avoid touching bats
- Seal up holes in your home
- Use window screens, chimney caps, draft guards

Keep pet rabies vaccination up to date
Stay away from stray or wild animals

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