

# Rabid bat discovered at Oakville residence

Halton has logged its first rabid bat of 2005.

Test results received September 20 confirmed that a bat found at an Oakville residence had rabies.

After an investigation by the Halton Region Health Department, two adults and a child are now receiving rabies vaccines as a precaution after being exposed to the bat.

The health department is advising all Halton residents to avoid contact with bats and to be very cautious if around them. Anyone who suspects they have come into contact with a bat should promptly report the incident to the health department.

Bat rabies is fatal if a person is infected and not treated before symptoms start. Symptoms can take up to one year to appear. Bats can be found in barns, caves, and occasionally in homes. Infected animals carry the virus in their saliva and pass it to other animals or people through bites and contaminated wounds. Each incident of possible exposure should be reported to the health department for investigation, even if you were not bitten.

The rabies virus can infect any mammal. Those most commonly infected are bats, skunks, foxes, and raccoons.

There are a number of things you can do to help identify a rabid animal, help prevent the spread of rabies and protect your-

self.

- Warn your children to stay away from wild, stray, or aggressive animals to protect themselves.

- Do not touch dead or sick animals, unless advised to do so.

- Do not feed or touch wild animals.

- Do not touch bats, skunks, raccoons or foxes or try to keep them as pets.

- Make sure your pet is vaccinated against rabies.

- Keep your pet tied on a leash.

- Learn to identify the signs of rabies in animals. For details visit [www.region.halton.on.ca/health](http://www.region.halton.on.ca/health).

- Report all animal bites or potential bites to the health department.

- Seek immediate medical attention if you come in contact with a bat or other potentially rabid animals.

- Contact your local animal control department if you see a potentially rabid animal.

- Animal-proof your house, cottage, and workplace. Ensure that any holes in your walls or roof are blocked off.

For more information about rabies or if you need to report a suspected rabid animal or exposure, call the Halton Region Health Department at (905) 825-6000, TTY 905-827-9833, toll free 1-866-4HALTON (1-866-442-5866) or visit the Web site at [www.region.halton.on.ca/health](http://www.region.halton.on.ca/health).



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