

How to Properly Catch a Bat for Rabies Testing

Got bats?

Did you wake up to a bat?

Did anyone have contact with a bat?

Did you find a bat with an unattended child?*

*incapacitated adult, etc.

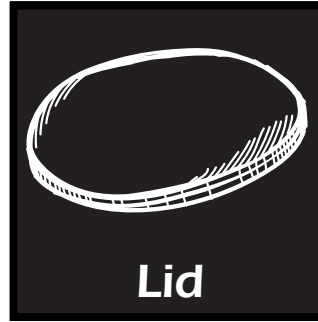
Time to catch 'em!



Gather your bat capture kit!



Container



Lid



Tape

Be sure to wear leather gloves to prevent bites. Sheets or towels are too thin!



Gloves

Wait for the bat to land and approach it slowly.



If the bat flies away contact MDH at 651-201-5414

Place the container over the bat.



Slide the lid underneath, flip it over, and secure the lid with tape!



Send that bat for testing!

Bats can be brought in alive

1. Deliver the bat in person to:
Minnesota Veterinary Diagnostic Lab
1333 Gortner Ave., St. Paul, MN 55108
612-625-8787
2. Contact a local veterinary clinic to arrange shipment

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Questions? Call: 651-201-5414 or 1-877-676-5414
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