



# Bats often carry harmful diseases! Here's how you can stay safe.

**Bats are common in wooded areas near campsites and campgrounds.**

**Take extra precautions for your safety!**

## **Never touch a bat or any other wild animal**

If you try to touch a bat, it might bite you in self-defense.

A bat that is on the floor or cannot fly is more likely than other bats to have diseases like rabies.



## **Don't sleep in a space with bats**

It can be hard to tell if a bat bites or scratches you while you are sleeping.

If you see a bat in a place you or others sleep this can be incredibly dangerous.

## **Tell an adult**

After encountering a bat, the safest thing you can do is tell an adult.

Don't approach it or touch it. Don't pet it, catch it, comfort it, kick it aside, or try to shoo it away. Stay away from it and contact an adult.

