

What can you do to prevent rabies?

Vaccinate both indoor and outdoor pets and livestock.

Do not approach, handle, or feed wildlife or unknown domestic animals.

Do not move wildlife from one area to another, as this can spread rabies.

Report sick, stray, or strange-acting animals.

Contact a healthcare provider right away, if bitten or scratched by an animal.

If you wake up to a bat in the bedroom, safely capture it and call Maine CDC.

Consider the pre-exposure rabies vaccine if you have frequent exposure to wild animals, such as if you are an **ADO** **EWUROZHEU**, Game Warden, or veterinarian.

Questions?

Call Maine CDC at

1-800-821-5821

Rabies Stinks

What is rabies?

Rabies is a viral disease that affects **WUDDG** spinal cord and can be fatal if left untreated.

It is very rare in people in the United States. In Maine, it is most common in skunks, raccoons, bats and foxes.

Rabies is spread when an infected animal bites or scratches another animal or person, or when saliva or brain tissue gets into an open cut, or into the mouth, nose or eyes.

Rabies is not spread by petting a rabid animal, by touching dried saliva, or by urine, feces, or blood.