



ANIMAL CONTACT INCIDENT REPORT

Hedgehog Investigation #: _____ (For Office Use Only)

Date Reported:	YEAR	MONTH	DAY	Reported by: _____
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PATIENT / VICTIM INFORMATION

Name:	☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Other				
Parent Guardian Name (if patient is under 16 yrs of age):					
Date of Birth:	YEAR	MONTH	DAY	Phone:	☐ Home ☐ Cell ☐ Work
Address: (permanent)					
Address: (temporary)					

INCIDENT DETAILS

Date of incident:	YEAR	MONTH	DAY	Family/Attending Physician:
Location of incident: ADDRESS				
Body area affected:				
Skin broken:	☐ Bite ☐ Scratch ☐ Saliva ☐ Handling ☐ Other _____			
Details of Incident:				
PEP: ☐ PEP not recommended ☐ PEP recommended and refused ☐ PEP initiated				

ANIMAL INFORMATION (or person with custody of animal)

Owner:	Phone:	☐ Home ☐ Cell ☐ Work
Address: (permanent)		
Address: (temporary)		
Animal Species:	☐ Dog ☐ Cat ☐ Bat ☐ Other _____ ☐ Domestic ☐ Farm ☐ Stray ☐ Wild ☐ Rescue	
Breed and full description:		
Vaccination status:	☐ Vaccinated ☐ Unvaccinated ☐ Unknown vaccination	
Where is animal located now:		

Telephone and fax form to Northeastern Public Health within 24 hours

Telephone: 1-877-442-1212 (during business and after hours)

Confidential fax numbers:

Legacy Porcupine Health Unit - 1-705-360-7324

Legacy Timiskaming Health Unit - 1-705-647-5779

All persons having information concerning any animal contact incidents are required to notify the Medical Officer of Health under the Health Protection and Promotion Act, Reg.557. Personal information on this form is collected under the Health Protection and Promotion Act in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for the purposes of providing health services.

To be completed by healthcare provider only (when required)

If Post-Exposure-Prophylaxis Has Been Started, Please Complete the Following:

Date & Provider:

Client weight: ☐ kg ☐ lbs	Tetanus Date: _____ Vaccine type: _____ Lot Number: _____
Agent: Rabies Immune Globulin Type: _____ Dose: _____ Lot Number(s): _____ Expiry Date(s): _____ Site of injection: _____	Agent: Rabies Vaccine inactivated Type: _____ Dose: _____ Lot Number(s): _____ Expiry Date(s): _____ Site of injection: _____

Reportable Animal Contact Incidents Include:

Definition of a bite exposure:

- Penetration of the skin by teeth.

Definition of a non-bite exposure:

- Any potential contamination of open wounds, abrasions, scratches with saliva or other potentially infectious material (brain tissue from a rabid animal), constitutes a non-bite exposure.

Definition of a bat exposure:

Post-exposure rabies prophylaxis following bat contact is recommended when both the following conditions apply:

- There has been direct contact with a bat; **AND**
- A bite, scratch, or saliva exposure into a wound or mucous membrane cannot be ruled out.

Direct contact with a bat is defined as the bat touching or landing on a person. When there is no direct contact with a bat, the risk of rabies is extremely rare, and rabies PEP is not recommended.

- Adults: a bat landing on clothing would be considered reason for PEP administration only if a bite, scratch, or saliva exposure into a wound or mucous membrane could not be ruled out. Therefore, if a bat lands on the clothing of a person who can be sure that a bite or scratch did not occur and that the bat's saliva did not contact an open wound or mucous membranes, then PEP is not required.
- Children: any direct contact with a bat (i.e., the bat landing on or touching the child, including contact through clothes) could be considered a reason for PEP administration, as a history to rule out a bite, scratch or mucous membrane exposure may not be reliable.
- Bats found in Rooms: When a bat is found in the room with a child or adult who is unable to give a reliable history, assessment of direct contact can be difficult. Factors indicating that direct contact may have occurred in these situations include the individual waking up crying or upset while the bat was in the room, or observation of an obvious bite or scratch mark.

Sources:

Management of Potential Rabies Exposures Guidelines, 2020, Ministry of Health, Weblink: <https://files.ontario.ca/moh-guidelines-management-of-potential-rabies-exposures-guideline-en-2020.pdf>