



# Staying Safe Around Bats



Bats can spread rabies, a fatal disease.



Any bat that is found on the ground, or that has been caught by a pet or child, should be considered as **potentially rabid** until proven otherwise by laboratory tests.



*Bats may be unrecognizable when fallen on the ground with wings folded inward.  
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Do NOT touch bats!



**Educate kids** to not touch bats, nor wild animals, and to let an adult know if they find one.

I found a bat. Now what?



- 1) **Keep people away** from the animal.
- 2) **Capture the bat** without touching it. Use a jar, box, or other sturdy container.
- 3) **Call 928-669-1100** to arrange assessment and/or testing through the La Paz County Health Department or Animal Control 928-669-8774.