



## First aid fact sheet

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# Bat bite or scratch



In Australia, flying foxes or other bats can carry lyssavirus (also known as ABLV: Australian bat lyssavirus) which is potentially fatal.

These animals must never be handled by people who are not trained to handle wildlife, even if the animal is injured.

### What to do

Anyone either bitten or scratched by a bat should IMMEDIATELY:

- 1 wash the wound thoroughly with soap and water
- 2 seek medical aid, regardless of the site or severity of the wound.

A protective vaccine can be administered even after the bite.

**In a medical emergency call Triple Zero (000)**

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