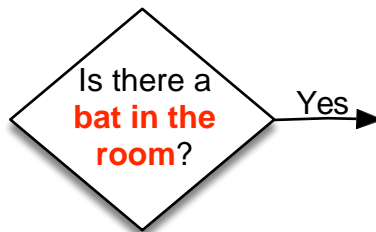




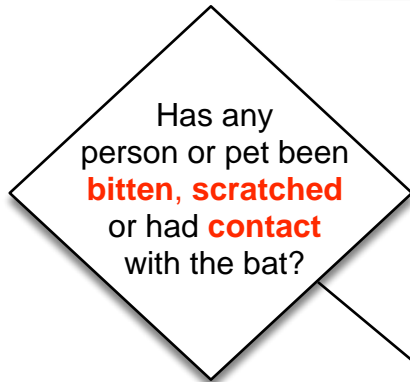
**Bat incidents: Urgent matters, but not emergencies.**

Bats sometimes carry the rabies virus. Rabies is fatal to persons and some pets. Vaccines are available to treat exposed persons and animals when appropriate.

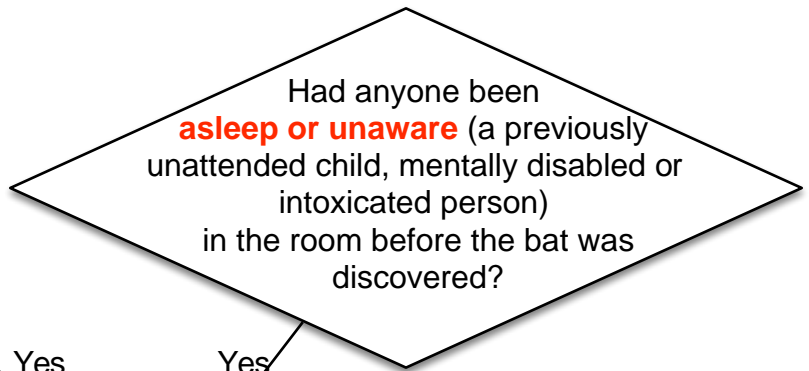


Yes

1. Clear everyone from the room if practical, and shut the door.
2. Do not harm or chase the bat.
3. **NEVER** touch a bat with bare hands.
3. Record names / contact info of anyone in room where bat was discovered.
4. Contact Harvard Operations and EH&S.



Yes



Yes

1. Contact Harvard Operations and ask them to contact EH&S.
2. Contact UHS, another medical clinician or the state or municipal public health department without delay.

**Harvard University Operations**

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Boston: 617-432-1901

**Harvard University Health Services**

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- EH&S will ask you a series of questions to inform decisions on appropriate responses.
- In some cases, personnel with specialized training and equipment will be sent to capture the bat for testing, and to close any openings through which the bat may have entered.
- Read these important resources:  
Massachusetts Department of Public Health: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/rabies>  
Centers for Disease Control: <https://www.cdc.gov/rabies/index.html>