

## **Tips to Prevent Exposure to Rabies**

Exposure to bats and raccoons may put you at risk for rabies.

### **Bats or Raccoons in Homes**

- Prevent animals from entering your home.
- Don't approach, handle or feed wild or unfamiliar animals even if they appear friendly.
- Never adopt or bring wild animals into your home.
- Remind children to inform an adult if they see a sick or injured animal and **DO NOT TOUCH.**
- Keep your pets under direct supervision so they do not come in contact with wild animals.
- Confine the animal to a room if present in your home. Call your local animal control or police department.

### **Bat or Raccoon Bites or Scratches**

- If possible, **DO NOT RELEASE THE ANIMAL.** Trap it for testing, but do not increase your risk of exposure.
- Wash the affected area immediately and seek medical attention.
- Call the Oakland County Health Division at 248-858-1280 to determine your exposure.

### **If the following occur:**

- You wake up in a room with a bat or raccoon;
- A animal is found in the room of an unattended child;
- A animal is seen near a mentally impaired or intoxicated person

**DO NOT RELEASE THE ANIMAL.** Call your local animal control office or police department.

Medical attention may be required. Contact the Oakland County Health Division at 248-858-1280 to determine your exposure.