

Know the Signs of Rabies

Rabies is a deadly disease. The virus lives in the saliva and brain of infected animals. Any wild or domestic animal, such as a dog, cat, raccoon, skunk, fox, coyote, or bat, can have rabies and give it to people. To protect your family, know the signs of rabies.

A change in “normal” behavior is the most common sign of rabies. For example:

- ✓ A nighttime animal moving around during the day.
- ✓ A wild animal that is not afraid of a person or animal.

Other signs of rabies include:

- ✓ Aggressive or confused behavior.
- ✓ Inability to walk, eat, or drink,
- ✓ Change in the sound of the animal’s voice.
- ✓ Drooling or foaming at the mouth.

For more information about rabies, call Oakland County Health Division’s Nurse On Call at (248) 858-1406 or toll-free at (800) 848-5533.

Animal bites should be reported to your local police department, animal control, or to Oakland County Animal Control at (248) 391-4102 for animal assessment and management.



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