

ANIMAL BITES & RABIES RISK

Recommendations for Princeton*

When the biting animal is available for evaluation by quarantine or testing, the results may determine if the animal is rabid and the bite victim needs Rabies Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP). The species of the animal and its health may also help determine rabies risk.



HIGH RISK OF RABIES

Bats / Abnormally Acting Wildlife / Foreign Animals

REPORT BITE TO PRINCETON HEALTH DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY.

Rabies Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) is FREQUENTLY indicated.



MODERATE RISK OF RABIES

Sick Local Dogs or Cats / Normally Acting Non-Bat Wildlife

(such as skunks, foxes, raccoons, coyotes, opossums)

Report bite to Princeton Health Department. PEP is SOMETIMES indicated.



LOW RISK OF RABIES

Healthy Local Dogs or Cats / Livestock / Horses

Report bite to Princeton Health Department

PEP is RARELY indicated.



NOT REPORTABLE

Squirrels / Rabbits / Small Rodents (rats, mice) / Birds / Snakes

Bites from these animals are not reportable because they do not spread rabies. PEP is NOT indicated.

REPORTING

FAX (Preferred): (609) 924-7627. Animal Bite/Confinement: <http://www.state.nj.us/health/forms/vph-11.PDF>

PEP Administration: <http://www.state.nj.us/health/forms/cdc-2.pdf>

Submitting an animal for testing: <http://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/documents/faq/specimentophel.pdf>

Phone: (609)497-7608 or (609)497-7610 (Princeton Public Health/M-F, 9 am-5 pm)

Other jurisdiction(s): <http://www.state.nj.us/health/lh/directory/lhdselectcounty.shtml>

- Always report details about the biting animal, including current location if known.
- Contact PRINCETON Animal Control about injured, sick or loose animals; (609)921-2100

CONSULTATIONS

Consultation regarding rabies risk

Mon-Fri: 9:00 am-5 pm

Princeton Health Department (609)497-7608 or (609) 497-7610 or jgrosser@princetonnj.gov

Ask to speak to the Health Officer

Consultation on individual patient care decisions

Consultations also available after-hours for emergencies.

Police Communications / Animal Control Officer: (609) 921-2100

Ask to speak to the Animal Control Officer or Health Department/Health Officer

*The rabies risk in Princeton may shift over time. Other towns/counties may have different rabies risks.