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# Rabies prevention guidelines

This flowchart can be used by rabies response professionals or affected individuals to determine the best next steps in rabies prevention. The Utah DHHS interactive rabies exposure decision-making tool is also available [here](#).

“Exposure” is defined as a bite, scratch, or any contact with saliva or brain/nervous tissue through open cuts in the skin, scratches, or mucous membranes, with the exception of a scratch from a dog, cat, or ferret. Any possibility of contact with a bat is also considered a risk of rabies exposure, since bites or scratches from a bat can be too small to see or feel. If there is uncertainty around exposure (e.g., bat found in a child’s bedroom), proceed as if an exposure did occur.

