Bats are good. Rabies isn’t.

Those recreating in our great state need to be aware of the following:

The most common ways people may encounter a bat is when a pet brings one into the home or a bat enters a home through a small opening or open windows or doors.

People should call their healthcare provider promptly if they believe they may have been bitten or scratched by a bat.

Tips:

Never touch a bat with your bare hands.

If you have had contact with a bat or wake up to find a bat in your room, seek medical advice immediately.

If you must handle a bat, always wear thick gloves.

Teach your children to avoid bats and to let an adult know if they find one.

If you need to contain a live bat, do so safely and contact Idaho Fish & Game.

Visit CDH.idaho.gov to learn more.

To keep you, your loved ones, and your pets safe, find more information and helpful public health guidelines by scanning this QR Code or visiting the link above.