

# DON'T TOUCH BATS!



**BATS HELP THE ECOSYSTEM BUT THEY CAN ALSO CARRY RABIES.**

Scratches or bites from bats can make you very sick with a disease called rabies. Rabies can spread to other animals, including your pets.

**Bats are cool animals. But if you see a bat, stay away from it!**

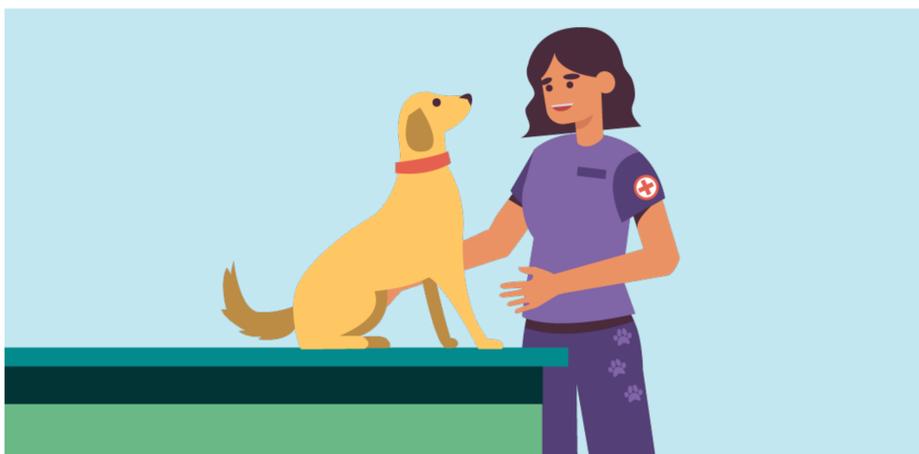
## STAY SAFE BY FOLLOWING THESE RULES:



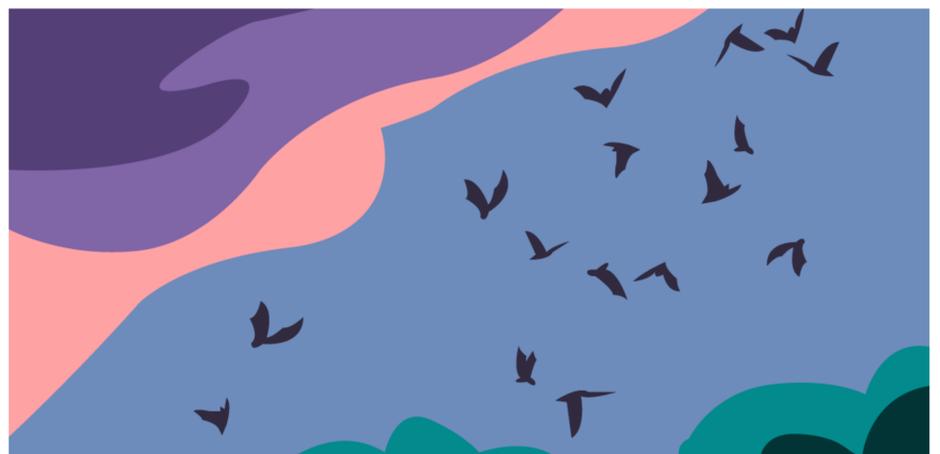
**If you touch a bat, or a bat bites or scratches you, tell an adult right away. You won't be in trouble!**



**If you see a bat on the ground, tell an adult right away and don't touch it. The bat might be sick.**



**Ask your family if your pets have the rabies shot.**



**Bats eat bugs and pollinate flowers. Enjoy bats from far away so they can work!**

Use the QR code to learn more about bats in Washington and get helpful tips for avoiding them.

