



## HELP US SHINE A LIGHT ON BATS

Did you know that bats are naturally shy of humans? Bats are not blind, and have an excellent navigation system. This, combined with their natural aversion to humans, means that it is unlikely that they will dive at people, get tangled in long hair or attack pets, contrary to popular belief.

### *Frequently asked questions.*

- **Are bats a threat to me or my pets?** Generally, having bats living nearby does not present a health risk to you or your pets.

For more information, contact the Alberta Community Bat Program at [www.albertabats.ca](http://www.albertabats.ca).

- **What can I do about the bat on my property?** If a bat is sleeping on the outside of a building, leave it alone. It will fly away by nightfall when it wakes up to feed. Bats that accidentally get inside the house will most likely find

their way out if you leave a window or door open. A sleeping bat can also be captured by covering it with a large, empty coffee can and gently sliding a piece of cardboard between the can and the surface the bat is sleeping on. If it is daytime, leave the bat in a dark area and release it at night, or place it in a tree or other sheltered area so the bat can leave on its own.

- Bats are an important component of our ecosystem and are beneficial to people. In fact, a single little brown bat can eat up to 600 mosquitoes in one hour.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT BATS OR ARE CONCERNED ABOUT BAT PRESENCE, PLEASE CONTACT ALBERTA FISH AND WILDLIFE | 403. 340.5142.

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