



ACRES Advisory Notice:

BATS

Bats play an important role in our ecosystem. Singapore is home to 20 species of bats - and NONE of them want to hurt you. Fruit-eating bats help to pollinate the beautiful flowers that you see in your neighbourhood. And without insect-eating bats, there would be a lot more mosquitoes!

What to do when you see a bat:

INDOORS

The bat is usually disoriented and may have problems escaping.



Do NOT handle with bare hands
Bats are NOT aggressive, but may bite in self-defence. If bitten, seek medical consultation.



If bat is unable to escape

Wait for bat to land and cover with box.
Slide cardboard between landing area and box to trap the bat gently.
Wait till nightfall to bring outdoors.



Open all windows and doors leading outside
Turn off all interior lights. A trapped bat will attempt to escape.

Some bats CANNOT take flight from the ground

Hold the box aloft and tilt gently to the side.
Or hold against a tree branch until bat clings onto bark.

OUTDOORS



1. Ensure bat is safe from predators (such as cats/dogs/ants/crows)
2. Observe bat for any obvious injuries
3. Do NOT handle with bare hands
4. Use a small, sturdy branch to touch bat's feet to trigger grab reflex
5. Move bat carefully to branches of nearby tree
6. Kindly monitor the bat for the next hour or so to see if bat is in the same position. If so, the bat may be injured or ill.

If unable to fly, the bat may be injured or sick
Keep the bat gently in a box and call ACRES Wildlife Rescue at 9783 7782



DID YOU KNOW?



Insect bats are so small, people often mistake them for baby bats.

Bats aren't blind, but most of them do have very bad eyesight.



If in doubt, please call
ACRES Wildlife Rescue at

9783 7782

24 hours a day,
365 days a year.



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