

Bats in distress

What to do?

Have you come across a sick or injured bat?

Please do not try to care for the bats yourself. In almost all cases of disease or injury, only a specialist can help. Bats are wild animals with specific needs and require help from experts in their domain.

Please bring the patient to a bat shelter as soon as possible.

Proceed as follows:

1. Cut **3-4mm air holes into the lid** of a small box.
2. Fill up the box loosely with **crumpled paper towels or toilet paper** so that the bat can hide underneath it.
3. Take a **picture** from above. Make sure to **place a coin next to the patient**. This will help the specialist to determine the **size, type and age** of the bat. It also supports to get the patient to the best shelter and to take any necessary measures.
4. Handle the bat **very carefully** and place it inside the box. Use **thick gloves** (risk of injury!).
5. Close the box with **tape** or a rubber band. It must be **closed tightly** as bats can escape through tiny gaps!
6. Call the **emergency number** below to find out about the closest shelter.
7. Should the transport take **longer than 2 hours**, please put a **plastic bottle cap filled with water** inside the box.
8. Place the box in a **quiet, cool and dark place** until it is handed over.

Bat Emergency Hotline

Switzerland: Emergency Phone for Bat Protection +41 (0) 79 330 60 60

Germany: NABU Bat Hotline +49 (0) 30 284984 5000



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