

Bat Capture Kit for Recreational Camps

- Gloves (heavy, preferably pliable thick leather)
- Forceps (9" to 12" length, rat-tooth for gripping)
- Extension pole w/net (fine mesh insect net of polyester or muslin material with a spring steel hoop on telescoping pole -- net and pole sold separately)
- Coffee can w/tight-fitting lid or similar container (e.g., cardboard ice cream carton w/lid; keep multiple containers on hand)
- Sheet of cardboard to slide between wall and container to act as a lid
- Tape (to secure lid on container)
- Flashlights (including fresh batteries & extra batteries)
- General Guidelines for Management of Bat-Related Incidents at Recreational Camps (3 copies)
 1. one copy in Bat Capture Kit
 2. one laminated copy for display in staff area
 3. one copy for the camp policy and procedure manual

How to Safely Capture a Bat

- When bat lands, approach it slowly
- While wearing gloves place container over bat
- Slide cardboard under the container to trap bat inside
- Tape cardboard securely
- Contact local health unit