



BAT PROCEDURES

- During warm summer months, bats look for cooler areas to roost and raise young. They come into buildings by window, down stairs and through chimneys, including buildings and residence halls at Amherst College.



■ DO NOT ATTEMPT TO CAPTURE A BAT

- If a bat is found inside a room or building do **not** go near or attempt to capture it.
- Exposure to a bat includes a bite, scratch or coming in unprotected contact with the bat.
- Approximately 5% of the bat populations tested is found to have rabies.



■ IF YOU DISCOVER A BAT

- Immediately contact Amherst College Police Dept. (413) 542-2111.
 - Close the door to the area or room (if possible) and keep others from entering the space
- If the bat has come in contact with a person or pet it **must** be captured for testing purposes.
 - Amherst College Police have the correct equipment and training to capture the bat.

■ HOW TO PREVENT BATS FROM ENTERING BUILDING

- Do **not** leave windows without screens open
- Contact the Amherst College Service Desk at (413) 542-2254 to report any of the following;
 - Broken, damaged or missing window screens
 - Openings in buildings where bat entry is observed.
- For more info on rabies visit www.mass.gov/dph/rabies