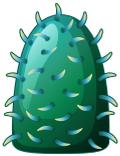




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## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



### WHAT IS RABIES?

Rabies is a vaccine-preventable, zoonotic disease. The rabies virus attacks the brain of infected animals and humans.



### HOW IS RABIES TRANSMITTED?

The rabies virus is spread to humans and other animals through contact with saliva of infected animals. Most human rabies cases are associated with infected domestic dogs.



### HOW IS RABIES PREVENTED?

Rabies can be prevented by vaccinating dogs and cats to prevent the disease at its source. Human infection with rabies following exposure to rabid or suspected rabies-infected animals can be prevented by prompt administration of rabies post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP), which should be urgently sought at the nearest health facility.



### WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU SUSPECT TO HAVE BEEN EXPOSED TO RABIES?

Wash all wounds immediately (no matter how big or small) with soap or detergent and flush them thoroughly for 5 to 10 minutes with water. Go IMMEDIATELY to your nearest healthcare facility to get rabies post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP). PEP can prevent rabies virus infection if administered promptly and correctly.



### WHAT IS THE TREATMENT FOR RABIES?

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