

## Health Department Seeks Persons Exposed to Rabid Bat in Pioneer Park

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### EMERGENCY ADVISORY

A bat has tested positive for rabies in Bend, Oregon. The rabid bat was found at Pioneer Park (1525 NW Wall and NW Portland Avenue ) on Sunday, July 9th between 11 am and 12:00 noon. Anyone who touched the bat in that location on that date should immediately go to an emergency room for treatment. It has been reported that a woman and child touched the bat, but left the park before they could be identified.

If you have any information about these individuals, or have questions about possible exposure to the rabid bat, please call the Deschutes County Health Department at 322-7418. The Health Department staff regularly checks the recorded messages left at this telephone number.

According to webMD.com, treatment for rabies exposure may include a series of vaccinations known as postexposure prophylaxis (PEP). The vaccinations help the body's immune system destroy the disease in its early stages. When the vaccinations are given before more serious symptoms appear, they usually prevent infection from developing, and recovery is likely. After later symptoms of rabies develop, vaccines are not effective, and death results.

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