

 University of Michigan Medical School	<h1 style="margin: 0;"><u>U L A M</u></h1> <p>Unit for Laboratory Animal Medicine</p>	Standard Operating Procedure
Title: FIRST AID FOR RESEARCH ANIMAL BITES AND/OR SCRATCHES		
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For life threatening or immobilizing injuries, call 911

A. PURPOSE:

1. To provide recommendations for care of a bite or scratch sustained from a research animal

B. DEFINITIONS:

1. None

C. RESPONSIBILITY:

1. Individuals working with animals

D. PROCEDURES:

1. The following steps should be taken for any research animal bite or severe scratch:
 - a) Immediately wash the wound and surrounding area thoroughly with an antibacterial soap. It is recommended to scrub vigorously for 3-5 minutes, rinse, and repeat two more times.
 - b) Inform your supervisor of the incident.
 - c) If exposure was to a *cold-blooded vertebrate, bird, rodent, rabbit, pig, sheep*:
 - Seek medical attention if it has been greater than 10 years since you received a tetanus vaccine or booster.
 - If your tetanus immunization is current, observe the wound for several days and seek professional medical care if signs of infection (redness, drainage, increased pain, etc) develop.
 - d) If exposure was to a *bat; cat; dog; large wild mammal (porcupine, weasel, etc.); ferret; non-human primate*:
 - Seek medical attention.
 - If bitten by a dog, cat, bat, ferret, large wild mammal or farm animal housed outdoors (pig, sheep), notify the ULAM clinical veterinarian at 764-0277. DO NOT euthanize the animal or dispose of the carcass.
 - If bitten or scratched by a macaque monkey, follow procedures in the Unit for Laboratory Animal Medicine (ULAM) Macaque Monkey Bite/Scratch Protocol.

Seeking Medical Attention

It is important to know in advance where you should report on weekdays during regular business hours, after hours, weekends, and holidays. Generally, university employees report to MWorks Occupational Health Services on weekdays during normal business hours, and to the U-M emergency room after hours, weekends, and holidays. Medical care for students is covered by their personal health insurance policy.

Forms to be Completed

- [Employee Illness or Injury Report Form](#) (the same form that is completed for any work-related injury). Even if an individual elects not to seek medical attention, the illness or injury report should be completed as a matter of record for each work-related injury. This form is sent to [Work Connections](#).
- [MWorks Employer Referral Form](#). This form must accompany the employee to MWorks when seeking medical care. If no medical care is required, simply fill out the Employee Illness or Injury Report Form.

Contact the UCUCA Office at 763-8028 for additional information regarding policies.

Pertinent Phone Numbers and URLs

UM Work Connections	615-0643	www.umich.edu/~connect
MWorks	998-8788	www.med.umich.edu/mworks/
U-M Hospital Emergency Room	936-6666	www.med.umich.edu/em/
ULAM	764-0277	www.ulam.umich.edu
UCUCA	763-8028	www.ucuca.umich.edu