What should I do if I have a bat in my house?

All contact with bats should be avoided. However, if a bat enters your house or work area, it will need to be captured. To capture the bat, try to confine the bat to a room. If you are not able to contain the bat in a room, you can trap the bat in a box and slide cardboard underneath it or capture it in a blanket. Wear leather gloves to handle the bat. Do not touch the bat with your bare hands! If you do not feel comfortable capturing the bat or cannot do it safely, contact Sangamon County Animal Control to assist. Once the bat is captured, you need to call the clinic at the health department so they can evaluate the exposure. Do not release the bat until you have spoken to the health department.