Injured bat?

Injured bats need specific care to heal and be released back into the wild. Professional Wildlife Rehabilitators are available statewide to give injured bats the care they need to recover. If you find a grounded bat you can try to move it to the base of a tree. *NEVER DIRECTLY TOUCH THE BAT*. Use thick leather gloves or better yet a piece of cardboard to carefully move it. If it climbs up and flies away, the bat was likely healthy but stuck on the ground – this is not uncommon. If the bat is unable to climb, fly, or has an obvious injury, put the bat into a small box without touching it directly. The box should be lined with a towel and contain a balled up pair of socks or cotton rag for the bat to grip onto. Put that box in another box before transporting.

An injured bat transported to a DE Wildlife Rehabilitator (Photo: DEFW)

Contact the Delaware Bat Program to report the injured bat (302)-735-8651, and contact the Delaware Council of Wildlife Rehabilitators and Educators **www.dewildliferescue.com** to find a licensed wildlife rehabilitator in your county – not all rehabilitators work with bats. Do not attempt to care for the bat yourself. **Never** let children or household pets near an injured bat, as potential rabies exposure is a concern with any wild mammal. If anyone is bitten by the bat, contact the Division of Public Health at 302-744-1070 or toll free 866-972-9705 for further instructions.

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A grounded bat preparing for flight (photo: DEFW)