

If you are bitten, scratched or licked by a potentially rabid animal

WHAT TO DO

- Immediately wash the wound thoroughly under running water with soap for at least 5 minutes. Then clean with 70% alcohol (surgical spirit) or povidone-iodine.
- Go to the nearest government hospital or seek consultation with a qualified medical practitioner
- Bring the animal's vaccination records and your past anti-rabies vaccine records with you.
- You should observe the animal for 14 days for any behavioural changes and signs of ill health.
- Report to the hospital immediately if the animal exhibits behavioural changes, signs of illness, goes missing, or dies.
- If the animal dies during the observation period, send its head to the nearest rabies testing laboratory. (MRI Colombo, Teaching Hospital Karapitiya, or the Veterinary Faculty in Peradeniya)
- If you are started on the anti-rabies vaccine at the hospital, complete the full course.
- If you can't return to the hospital where you started the anti-rabies vaccine, any hospital in Sri Lanka offering the vaccine can provide follow-up the anti-rabies vaccine, any hospital in Sri Lanka offering the vaccine can provide follow-up doses.doses.



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