

Containment of grounded or injured bats

If you come across a dead or injured bat, it's important to safely contain the bat so it is safe from further harm and can be transported to the vets or bat carer.

You will need:

- **Gloves** – to protect against scratches or bites if bat is scared
- **Face mask** – to protect the bat from any human pathogens
- **Suitable box** – no large gaps (bats are go escape artists) but small air holes are required.
- Piece of close weave **cloth or kitchen roll** - for the bat to hide in
- **Small lid with water** – allows the bat to drink while awaiting transport to vet (remove water before transporting)



Tips:

- **Air holes** - can be made using a small screwdriver, pen or pencil.
- **Lids** - can be secured using an elastic band. Please **don't** use sticky tape as bats can get stuck to the tape.
- **Alternative containers** - If a suitable box isn't available, other items that can be useful are small **cotton bags** or similar.

These will need to be tied tightly at the top so the bat can't escape. String or elastic bands can be helpful, but make sure the bat isn't close to the top when you secure the bag as they have very fragile fingers and toes.

Please contact the Jersey Bat Group for support and advice: 07797 967145 or 07797 961453

Or, if you are not able to make contact on any of the above numbers, take the bat directly to New Era Vets (Georgetown) – please phone ahead to inform them you are bringing in a bat.

01534 730521 (Monday – Friday 08:00 until 20:00; Saturday 08:00 until 13:00) or via the 24-hour emergency number 07797 711585