

Nuisance Control of Bats

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People often have problems with bats in their homes. Although bats are great insect eaters and should be encouraged, no one wants them in the home. The main concern is for rabies.

Although the most common type of bat found in homes is the little brown bat and it is less likely than some other species to carry rabies, it still should be a serious concern. Any bats should be removed without touching them and any bites or scratches should be treated by a physician.

Bats do not need much of a space to enter attics and roof areas. Then it takes very little for them to move through walls, etc. and find their way into the home.

For your convenience the following link will take you to a listing of the current Department of Natural Resources licensed nuisance control operators who are registered with the DNR for bat control. If you have on-going problems with bats, you might possibly wish to consult with one of these professionals.

The web link is: www.iowadnr.gov/cs/files/nwco.pdf