



HASTINGS PRINCE EDWARD Public Health

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Animal Biting/Scratching Incidents Mandatory Reporting Form

All animal bites, animal scratches and bat exposures must be reported immediately to:
Hastings Prince Edward Public Health

Attention: Healthy Environments

Fax: 613-968-1461

Physician requests for rabies vaccine call: (613) 966-5500

REPORTING AGENCY:

- North Hastings Emergency Dept. Ph: 613-332-2825 Ext. 6222
- Belleville General Emergency Dept. Ph: 613-969-7400 Ext. 2434
- Prince Edward County Memorial Emergency Dept. Ph: 613-476-1008 Ext. 4328
- Trenton Memorial Emergency Dept. Ph: 613-392-2540 Ext. 5466
- Physician: _____ Ph: _____
- Investigating Officer: _____ Ph: _____
- Other: _____ Ph: _____

Date of Incident: _____ (MM/DD/YY)

Name of Patient: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____
(please provide parent/guardian if patient is under 16 years of age)

Patient's Full Address: _____

Patient's Phone Number: () _____ () _____

Family Physician: _____

Animal Involved: *(please circle)* Dog Cat Other _____

Type of Contact: *(please circle)* Bite Scratch Both

Location on Body: _____

Owner of Animal: _____
(please provide owner information if available)

Owner's Full Address: _____

Owner's Phone Number: () _____ () _____

Faxed By: _____ Date: _____

This form must be faxed to: (613) 968-1461

Collection of information on this form is authorized under the HEALTH PROTECTION AND PROMOTION ACT RSO, 1990 Chap. H.7 for the purpose of controlling and reporting communicable disease.



Main Office - Belleville

179 North Park Street, Belleville, ON K8P 4P1
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TTY: 711 or 1-800-267-6511
www.hpepublichealth.ca

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Requirement to Report Animal Bites and Scratches

Please contact Public Health if you become aware of any animal bite or other animal contact that may result in rabies in a person.

Public Health Units are mandated under the Health Protection and Promotion Act to investigate potential human exposures to rabies in Ontario. To aid this investigative responsibility; Ontario Regulation 557 states:

2. (1) A physician, registered nurse in the extended class, veterinarian, police officer or any other person who has information concerning either or both of the following shall, as soon as possible, notify the medical officer of health and provide the medical officer of health with the information, including the name and contact information of the exposed person:

- 1. Any bite from a mammal.*
- 2. Any contact with a mammal that is conducive to the potential transmission of rabies to persons. O. Reg. 501/17, s. 1.*

While the prevalence of rabies within Hastings and Prince Edward Counties is low, this is a fatal disease. For this reason, the circumstances surrounding all animal exposure incidents involving a person warrant a full and timely rabies investigation as prescribed by the Ontario Public Health Standards – Rabies Prevention and Control Protocol. It remains the role of Public Health to determine the risk of rabies transmission associated with human exposures.

We request that you share this message with your staff and have enclosed a copy of our mandatory reporting form. The reporting form and a reporting reminder poster are also available online at hpePublicHealth.ca/rabies or you can contact our office for a copy. If you have any questions or would like to report an animal exposure, please contact Hastings Prince Edward Public Health at **613-966-5500** extension **677**.

Yours truly,

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Enclosure: Animal Biting/Scratching Incidents Mandatory Reporting Form

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North Hastings

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T: 613-332-4555 | F: 613-332-5418

Prince Edward County

Suite 1 - 35 Bridge St., Picton, ON K0K 2T0
T: 613-476-7471 | F: 613-476-2919

Quinte West

499 Dundas St. W., Trenton, ON K8V 6C4
T: 613-394-4831 | F: 613-965-6535