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## Live Wild Animal Removal in Buildings or Dormitories Guidance

If an animal enters a University of Maine (UMaine) building or dormitory, do not attempt to remove it unless you have been trained. The following should be followed:

- Do not attempt to catch, touch or remove bats, skunks, raccoons or other live wild animals unless you have been trained.
- If you have been exposed to a bat, skunk or raccoon (physical contact such as a bite or scratch) contact Public Safety.
- Attempt to isolate the animal by closing the window and doors to the room or area so that it is confined away from building occupants and the general public, prior to the arrival of the Animal Control Officer.
- Contact Facilities Management (FM) and Public Safety for guidance in these matters.
- Do not attempt to cleanup large amounts of droppings. Contact FM for assistance.
- Only trained persons shall handle, remove, or cleanup material related to birds, bats or other wild animal scat.

Departments are required to provide training to all employees that are designated to capture live animals. If no one is trained or the employee feels that they are not capable of removing the animal unharmed, contact FM Work Control during normal business hours at 581-4400. If the incident occurs after hours, contact Public Safety at 581-4040.

If a bat enters a dormitory in the middle of the night, and the Animal Control Officer cannot make it within a reasonable time frame, the employee must have training and wear appropriate PPE (at a minimum, this must include a long-sleeved shirt and leather gloves) and use a net to capture and release the bat.

Person or Department	Phone
FM Work Control (normal business hours)	581-4400
Property Management	581-4799
Facilities Custodial	581-2652
UMaine Public Safety Dispatcher	581-4040