

ANIMAL FACILITY SAFETY PROTOCOLS

IF YOU ARE BITTEN BY AN ANIMAL

- 1 Place** the animal back in its cage, try to make the wound bleed, and immediately **wash** the wound with soap and water for 15 minutes.
- 2** After washing, **dry** the area, **apply** antibiotic ointment and **cover** with a clean bandage. If it continues to bleed, apply pressure to stop the bleeding. Band-Aids and antibiotic ointment are provided in each animal care facility. **Watch** the wound over the next few days to make sure there are no signs of infection.
- 3** If needed, **call** NUPD at (617)-373-3333 or contact via the SafeZone app for help. NUPD will assess your condition and will assist you in seeking medical attention if it is needed.
- 4** If emergency treatment is not required, the person who was bitten should **call** Occupational & Environmental Health Network (OEHN) at (866)-360-8100 to speak with an occupational health physician for a medical consultation about the injury/exposure to determine if care is needed. Be sure to provide all relevant information about the animals and research materials that were used with the animal so that a full assessment can be completed.
- 5 Notify** your Principal Investigator, the DLAM Director (s.sullivan@northeastern.edu) and Office of Academic and Research Safety (oars@northeastern.edu) about the incident. Some exposures require reporting to local and state public health agency.

IF YOU ARE STUCK/PRICKED BY A NEEDLE OR SHARPS (E.G. SCALPEL BLADE)

- 1 Place** the animal back in its cage, try to make the needle stick/prick/sharps exposure bleed, and immediately wash the wound with soap and water for 15 minutes.
- 2** After washing, **dry** the area, **apply** antibiotic ointment, and **cover** with a clean bandage. If it continues to bleed, apply pressure to stop the bleeding. Band aides and antibiotic ointment are provided in each animal care facility.
- 3** If the needle/syringe/sharps contained hazardous materials, **call** NUPD at (617)-373-3333 or contact via the SafeZone app for help. NUPD will assess your condition and will assist you in seeking medical attention if it is needed.
- 4** If emergency treatment is not required, the person who had the needle/syringe/sharps exposure must **call** Occupational & Environmental Health Network (OEHN) at (866)-360-8100 to speak with an occupational health physician for a medical consultation about the injury/exposure to determine if care is needed. Be sure to provide all relevant information about the animals and research materials that were used with the animal so that a full assessment can be completed.
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