

Animal bites – *What to do right away*

Fast first aid can reduce infection and complications.

If you are bitten or scratched by any animal, act immediately. The first few minutes matter.

Do this right away:

- Wash the area thoroughly with soap and running water for at least 15 minutes
- Do not apply turmeric, oil, mud, toothpaste, or other home remedies
- Do not squeeze, rub, or cover tightly
- Cover the wound with a clean cloth or bandage
- Seek medical help if the wound is deep, bleeding heavily, or on the face, hand, or near a joint

Did you know?

If you have an OPD insurance policy, your **doctor's consult** relating to this bite could be easily covered.

If you have Diabetes, low immunity, or on blood thinners:

- Do not wait even if the wound looks small
- Infection and bleeding risks can be higher
- Get medical advice early

Important: Some bites can also carry rabies or other serious infections, so timely medical review is important.

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