

Stray or unknown animal bites – *Treat as a higher risk*

Unknown bites need prompt medical attention.

Bites from stray dogs, cats, monkeys, rats, or any unknown animal may carry a higher risk of infection and rabies exposure.

Higher-risk situations Include:

- Bite or scratch from a stray or unknown animal.
- Bite from an animal behaving unusually.
- Bite from a monkey, rat, or wild animal.
- Bite in a public area where the animal cannot be traced or observed.

Did you know?

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

What to do next:

- Wash the wound immediately with soap and water
- Do not wait for symptoms
- Visit a doctor or emergency facility as soon as possible
- Follow the full vaccine schedule if prescribed
- Report the incident if local guidance requires it

Why it matters:

Stray and unknown animal bites can be rabies-risk exposures, and rabies is life-threatening if treatment is delayed.

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