


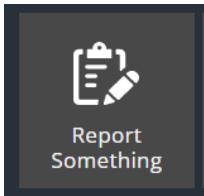
First Aid for Laboratory Rodent Bites and Scratches Guidelines

As part of the local area induction, all staff and students must be made aware of the location of the First Aid kits and First Aiders.

First Aid for rodent bite/scratch:

1. Wash wound with soap and water immediately. There is no need to encourage bleeding.
2. Cover the broken wound with dressing. Further management may be required¹.
3. Seek medical attention as soon as possible and ensure the casualty's tetanus booster is up to date. Advise casualty to notify the treating medical clinician as vaccination(s) may be required.

First Aid Documentation and Incident Reporting

Documentation	Reporting Process
First Aid Report online form (QR code) 	<p>If First Aid was provided, a First Aid Report must be completed. A copy of the form can be accessed by scanning the QR code, which can be found on the front of the First Aid kit.</p>
<p>Hazard and Incident Reporting in SARAH</p> 	<p>The injured person or Supervisor must lodge an incident report via SARAH as soon as practicable. Assign the report to the casualty's Supervisor. Under the section "Who was notified of this incident", include the Animal Facility Manager (if the incident occurred at an animal facility). Your Safety Officer can provide you with assistance when submitting the report.</p>

Note: All staff and students who handle rodents must have completed the appropriate animal handling training and be deemed competent for activities they are required to perform.

¹Before undertaking work with rodents, review the Risk Assessment(s) associated with the rodent model that caused the bite (e.g. was the animal injected with a carcinogen, pathogen or infectious agent) to determine if further first aid treatment is required (e.g. betadine/chlorhexidine wash).

Reference documents:

- [First Aid Procedure](#)
- [Using Biological and Animals Procedure](#)
- [Report an Incident or hazard in SARAH](#)
- [Managing OHS Hazards and Incidents Procedure](#)

Document History

Version	Date of Issue	Changes made to document
1.0	March 2021	First Aid for Laboratory Rodent Bites and Scratches Guidelines, v.1.0
1.1	August 2021	Added link for First Aid Report online form
2.0	January 2024	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Removed reference to hardcopy First Aid report form. 2. Reformatted document to make information easier to follow. 3. Added Document History.