

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA

FIRST AID FOR BITES OR SCRATCHES FROM RESEARCH ANIMALS

****FOR LIFE THREATENING OR IMMOBILIZING INJURIES, CALL 911****

Where to find **FIRST AID KITS**:

- Center for Biomedical Research: Room 112
- CBR2 (SMHS building): Room W154
- Starcher Hall: Room 26

Incident Reporting Forms are available in each room and online:

<https://campus.und.edu/safety/resources/forms.html#d54e89--2>

What to do if you've been bitten or scratched by a research animal:

1. Immediately wash the wound and surrounding area thoroughly with antibacterial soap. It is recommended to scrub vigorously for 3-5 minutes, rinse and repeat two more times.
2. Inform your supervisor of the incident.
3. If it has been 10 years since you received a tetanus vaccine or booster, seek medical attention immediately. Otherwise observe the wound for several days and seek professional medical care if there are any signs of infection (redness, drainage, increased pain, etc.).

Where to go if you need medical attention:

- During normal business hours: University employees report to Altru Occupational Health Services located at 860 South Columbia Road, Grand Forks (701-780-5000).
- After hours, weekends, and holidays: Report to the Altru Emergency room located at 1200 South Columbia Road (701-780-5000).

Required reporting:

All incidents must be reported using the [UND INCIDENT REPORTING FORM](#) (available in each room noted above and online). Even if an individual elects not to seek medical attention, the illness or injury report must be completed as a matter of record for each work-related injury.

If you have general questions about work-related injuries, or how to report a laboratory safety incident, please contact the UND Office of Safety at 701-777-3341.

The UND Operations Center (701-777-2591) can also be contacted to get assistance if needed.