A devastating bat disease called White-Nose Syndrome is now in Washington

- White-Nose Syndrome is a fungal disease that has killed millions of bats in eastern North America.
- The first case was confirmed in Washington in March 2016.
- The disease does not pose a threat to humans, pets, or other animals.

Report Your Bat Sighting

If you find a sick or dead bat, or a group of bats, report your observation to the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife.

wdfw.wa.gov/bats or (360) 902-2515
NEVER ATTEMPT TO HANDLE A LIVE BAT!

If you must touch a dead bat, wear gloves for protection.

How you can help

- Whenever possible, avoid entering areas where bats may live to limit potential of spreading disease and disturbance of roosting bats.
- If you come into contact with crevices in rock cliffs, talus areas, caves or mines, please clean your gear. If possible use the decontamination guidelines at www.whitenosesyndrome.org.