Two sections:

- **High Risk II**: Raccoons and bats are the most likely animals to carry rabies in DC but any mammal displaying the signs of rabies should be considered a potential source of exposure.

- **Low Risk III**: Squirrels, rats, mice, hamsters, guinea pigs, gerbils, chipmunks, rabbits, and hares are almost never found to be rabid and are considered low risk.

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**1.** When a sleeping person awakens to find a bat in their room or an adult witnesses a bat in the room with a previously unattended child, learning disabled person, or intoxicated person, PEP is recommended if the bat is unavailable for testing or tests positive for rabies.

**2.** Always report starting rabies PEP to DOH.

**3.** Submit animal for rabies testing immediately. Administer PEP if test is positive or inconclusive.