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Help bats everywhere. Clean your gear and outerwear.



CHECK the map at: www.whitenosesyndrome.org. **Never** take clothes, footwear, or equipment used to explore places where bats hang out in a WNS-affected area to an unaffected area, *not even gear that has been decontaminated*.



SCRAPE dirt and debris from clothes, footwear, and equipment that touched the ground or other surfaces **before** leaving. Remove as much as you can. If possible, place dirty items in plastic bags to keep your other gear and vehicle clean.



WASH hands, clothes, footwear, and any equipment that touched the ground or walls **promptly** with hot water and soap. If you will be visiting multiple places where bats hang out, learn how to decontaminate your gear at www.whitenosesyndrome.org/topics/decontamination



PROTECT bats and yourself by keeping your distance. Do not disturb hibernating bats and **never touch a bat**. If you do accidentally touch a bat, contact a doctor or public health official for help.

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