

B. Low Risk Persons

All low risk persons must be identified and informed of the hazards of rabies as it applies to their position. Rabies Immunization will be required but will be provided upon request by a member of this group

Any person who through this/her job becomes high risk shall inform Workplace Health as soon as possible.

C. Annual Review

All high risk persons and any low risk persons, who wish to be included in the immunization program, will have an annual assessment of their immunity (titre), and booster shots will be given as required.

D. Cost

The cost of the immunization program and the annual assessment shall be borne by the budget unit or research project involved.

Risk Assessment

The following factors MUST be considered when determining if a person is designated as a high risk or low risk person under this policy.

A. Species of Animal

In Canada, foxes, skunks, raccoons and bats may be responsible of transmitting infection to dogs, cats, livestock and people. Therefore, work conducted with foxes, skunks, raccoons, bats, or any dogs, cats or livestock that may have come into contact with those species will be considered high risk. Also, work conducted with any wild caught mammals will be considered high risk. If working with a non-mammal species there is no risk of rabies.

B. Source of Animal

Wild-caught mammals, pound source dogs or cats, or animals of unverifiable (unknown) origin will be considered high risk. Animals bred in captivity and those animals have undergone quarantine and a health surveillance program of at least 30 days, as required by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) will be deemed low risk.



