

What to Do After a Dog Bite in Arvada

A step-by-step guide for dog bite victims in Arvada, Colorado.

Based on Arvada Dog Bite Lawyer by McCormick and Murphy

Step 1: Seek Immediate Medical Attention

Get medical care right away, even for seemingly minor wounds, due to the high risk of infection and potential for deeper damage.

- Dog bites can cause more damage than is immediately visible.
- Infections are a significant risk with dog bites.



Step 2: Report the Incident

Contact Arvada Animal Control to file an official report of the dog bite incident.



Step 3: Gather Information

Collect the dog owner's contact and insurance details if possible.



Step 4: Document the Scene and Injuries

Take photographs of your injuries and the location where the bite occurred.



Step 5: Identify Witnesses

Obtain contact information from anyone who witnessed the dog bite incident.



Step 6: Preserve Medical Records

Keep all documentation related to your medical treatment and recovery.



Step 7: Document Your Recovery

Keep a detailed record of your healing process and any ongoing effects of the bite.



Step 8: Avoid Speaking to Insurance Companies

Do not communicate with the dog owner's insurance company until you have consulted with a lawyer.

- Consulting a lawyer first is crucial before speaking to insurance adjusters.

Resources & Further Reading

Related guides for this process:

■ Arvada Dog Bite Incident Checklist

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■ Arvada Dog Bite Action Sheet

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