

What to Do After a Dog Bite in Brighton

Steps to take after a dog bite incident to protect your health and legal rights.

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Step 1: Seek Immediate Medical Attention

Get medical care right away, even if the bite seems minor. Dog bites can get infected and require professional cleaning and treatment.

- Ensure wounds are properly cleaned and assessed by a healthcare professional.



Step 2: Gather Dog Owner Information

Collect the dog owner's name, address, and proof of rabies vaccination.



Step 3: Document Your Injuries and the Scene

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

- Capture clear images of the wounds and the surroundings.



Step 4: Report the Incident

Notify Brighton Animal Control to create an official record of the dog bite.



Step 5: Avoid Settling or Signing Documents

Do not agree to any settlement or sign any documents from the dog owner or their insurance company.

- Wait until you have consulted with a lawyer before making any agreements.



Step 6: Consult a Lawyer

Speak with a lawyer before discussing settlements or signing any paperwork.

- A lawyer can advise you on your rights and the best course of action.

Resources & Further Reading

Related guides for this process:

■ Dog Bite Incident Checklist

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■ Dog Bite Action Sheet

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