

Navigating a Dog Bite Incident

Steps to take after a dog bite in Golden, Colorado.

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Step 1: Seek Immediate Medical Attention

Get medical care right away, even for seemingly minor wounds, to prevent serious infections.



Step 2: Report the Incident

Contact Jefferson County Animal Control at (303) 271-5070 to create an official record of the bite.



Step 3: Document Your Injury

Take photographs of your injury to preserve evidence of the bite.



Step 4: Gather Owner Information

Collect the dog owner's contact details and their insurance information.



Step 5: Protect Your Rights with Insurance

Avoid giving any recorded statements to insurance companies until you have consulted with a lawyer.



Step 6: Prioritize Child's Needs (If Applicable)

If a child was bitten, focus on their medical and emotional recovery while also preserving evidence.

Resources & Further Reading

Related guides for this process:

■ Dog Bite Incident Checklist

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■ Dog Bite Action Sheet

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Act promptly to ensure your health, document the incident, and protect your legal rights after a dog bite.