

# Dog Bite Incident Response

Steps to take after a dog bite in Centennial

Based on Centennial Dog Bite Lawyer by McCormick and Murphy

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## Step 1: Seek Immediate Medical Attention

Visit a doctor right away, even for minor wounds. A doctor will clean the wound, check for infection, provide necessary vaccinations, and create official documentation of your injury.

- Ensure the doctor thoroughly documents all aspects of your injury.



## Step 2: Gather Dog Owner Information

Obtain the dog owner's contact details and confirm the dog's rabies vaccination status.

- Ask for proof of vaccination if possible.



## Step 3: Document Your Injuries

Take clear photographs of your injuries.



## Step 4: Document the Attack Location

Photograph the scene where the dog bite occurred.

- Include details in the photos that show the context of the attack.



## Step 5: Report the Incident

Notify Arapahoe County Animal Control about the dog bite.

- Provide all gathered information accurately.



## Step 6: Preserve All Records

Keep meticulous records of all medical treatments, bills, and any documentation related to missed work or school due to the injury.

- Organize your documents chronologically.

## Resources & Further Reading

*Related guides for this process:*

### ■ Dog Bite Incident Checklist

<https://storage.googleapis.com/mccormick-and-murphy-checklists-20260710-3eaad2/mccormick-and-murphy/Checklist/dog-bite-incident-checklist.pdf>

### ■ Dog Bite Action Sheet

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