

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 help right away, even for seemingly minor wounds, to prevent serious infections.

- Dog bites can lead to infections that develop rapidly.



Step 2: Report the Incident

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



Step 3: Document Your Injuries

Take photographs of the dog bite wound to preserve evidence of the injury.



Step 4: Gather Owner Information

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



Step 5: Preserve Evidence for Children

If a child is bitten, focus on their medical and emotional well-being while also collecting evidence.



Step 6: Avoid Recorded Statements

Do not give any recorded statements to insurance companies until you have consulted with a lawyer.

Resources & Further Reading

Related guides for this process:

■ Dog Bite Incident Checklist

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■ Dog Bite Action Sheet

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Prompt action and evidence gathering are crucial after a dog bite.