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## Offences: bats

For any wild bat species, it is an offence to deliberately or recklessly:

- capture, injure or kill a bat
- harass a bat or group of bats
- disturb a bat in a roost (any structure or place it uses for shelter or protection)
- disturb a bat while it is rearing or otherwise caring for its young
- obstruct access to a bat roost or otherwise deny an animal use of a roost
- disturb a bat in a manner or in circumstances likely to significantly affect the local distribution or abundance of the species
- disturb a bat in a manner or in circumstances likely to impair its ability to survive, breed or reproduce, or rear or otherwise care for its young
- disturb a bat while it is migrating or hibernating

It's also an offence to:

- damage or destroy a breeding site or resting place of such an animal (whether or not deliberately or recklessly)
- keep, transport, sell or exchange, or offer for sale or exchange any wild bat (or any part or derivative of one) obtained after 10 June 1994

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