



EXPLORING CAVES, MINES OR UNDERGROUND STRUCTURES?



**White Nose Syndrome, a deadly disease that kills bats
can be moved by people into BC**

1. If possible, avoid entering caves, mines, or other structures where bats might roost.
2. If you enter, please avoid taking ANY item (gear, clothing, boots, etc.) that has been used outside BC
3. If entering more than one underground site please ensure ALL items have been cleaned between sites:
 - Remove sediment and mud (machine wash)
 - Soak 10 minutes in a 10% bleach solution
 - Wash with hot water
 - Wipe clean hard gear & electronics with >70% alcohol to remove spores

PROTECT OUR BATS

**Bats provide free pest control. A single bat can eat
500-1000 mosquito-sized insects in an hour**

For more information

Contact B.C. Ministry of Environment

<http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/wld/wldhealth.html>

Enquiry B.C. 1-800-663-7867