

Contact with Seals : Information and Advice

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General Information

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- Display this information clearly & report any human/seal contact

First Aid Advice : Contact with a seal and superficial scratches

Thoroughly wash in disinfectant and dry thoroughly.

Monitor and go to hospital if you feel unwell.

Bites that have broken the skin, even superficially

1. As above
2. Apply normal First Aid
3. Go to your nearest hospital or visit your GP, taking copies of both the:-
 - Sea Life 'Seal Bites' Protocol (available from the Harbour Master)
 - BDMLR 'Seal Bites' letter (available from the Harbour Master)

Symptoms to look out for with a seal related infection

- Swelling and/or stiffening
- Tenderness around the wound and/or in joints & wound not healing

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