

## Bats



Bats and their roosts are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2010. Bats roost on a seasonal basis and therefore, are protected whether bats are in occupation or not.

Please note, you must not:

- deliberately capture (or take), injure or kill a bat
- intentionally or recklessly disturb a group of bats, where the disturbance is likely to (a) impair their ability to survive, breed, rear their young, hibernate or migrate, or (b) to significantly affect the local distribution or abundance of the species.
- damage or destroy the breeding or resting place (roost) of a bat
- possess a bat (alive or dead) or any part of a bat
- intentionally or recklessly obstruct access to a bat roost
- sell (or offer to sell) or exchange (alive or dead) bats.

When carrying out works to properties where bats nest, a special licence must be sought from Natural England. For more information, please see link below:

[http://www.bats.org.uk/pages/living\\_with\\_bats.html](http://www.bats.org.uk/pages/living_with_bats.html) (Please note you will need to scroll down the page when you get into the link)