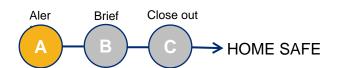
SHE ALERT Dog Bite





Date of incident which is raised in days	1 st August 2024		Directorate	Operations SEPD	
Region	Wessex	Location	New Forest	Classification	MTI

What happened?

Our colleague was supporting a fault by updating customer's at the properties effected. They arrived at one property and looked out for any notable signs that a dog lived in the property. As they could not see any signs they proceeded to enter the property. Before they could reach the door, a large dog came round the back of the property and bit their leg. The owner came out of the property to control the dog. Our colleague provided first aid to themself before attending a minor injuries center where they received a tetanus vaccine and a course of antibiotics as a precaution.

Around 1 in 4 households in the UK own at least one dog, dogs can be very protective of their owners and property and may attack without warning, Dog attacks can result in serious injury.

While we are investigating this incident it is important that you complete the following steps before entering a property:

- Check for signs of dogs prior to entering a site/property.
- Rattle gates and pause prior to entry
- Check for signs of dogs toys/holes/fouling in the garden.

For more information please refer to the linked <u>risk card</u>.









Date: 08/08/2024