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Fox Attacks Multiple Residents in City of Rome *Fox Has Not Been Captured and is Potentially Rabid*

A fox has attacked three people in the City of Rome today, specifically west along the Mohawk River and east of Black River Boulevard. This fox is still loose, and there is a risk that it may attack others. The Rome Police Department has been contacted and is attempting to locate the animal.

The people who were exposed are receiving post exposure prophylaxis. If anyone has been bitten, attacked or in contact with this fox, seek medical treatment and contact the Oneida County Health Department to determine next steps.

If you see this fox, contact Rome Police Department at 315-339-7780 or Department of Environmental Conservation at 1-844-332-3267. If you see any other animals acting strangely, stay away. It is not known whether the potentially rabid fox has attacked or exposed any other animals.

Rabies is a deadly disease and if you become exposed, it is vital to get appropriate care to avoid contracting rabies.

For more information on rabies prevention, visit ocgov.net/rabies. If you have questions or are concerned about a possible rabies exposure, contact the Oneida County Health Department at 315-798-5064 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

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