

IF YOU SPOT AN INJURED BIRD....

- If you think it hit a window, act immediately to save it from predators or dying of internal injuries
- Approach the bird from behind and pick it up (be very gentle but firm enough so the bird cannot escape) For small birds, cup both your hands around them
- Place the bird in an unwaxed paper bag with an unscented tissue or small paper towel crumpled in the bottom so they can perch on it, fold down the top of the bag and secure it with a paperclip, & be sure to not punch holes in the bag!
- OR you can place it in a cardboard box that is not too much larger than the bird. For this, you can poke some small air holes in the box
- Call Safe Wings at 613-216-8999 afterwards, so they can provide instructions on transporting the bird to one of their rehabbers (by appointment only, Ottawa only)
- Keep the bag or box upright in a dark and quiet place
- Even if a bird appears unhurt and becomes active, there is a high likelihood of internal injuries. Do not release it, but call SafeWings for advice

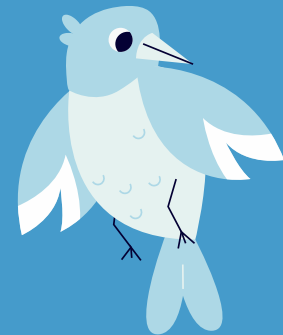
***BE SURE TO ALWAYS WASH YOUR HANDS AFTER HANDLING BIRDS!**

DONE READING?



TAKE OUR SURVEY AND SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON BIRD COLLISIONS IN YOUR AREA!

WANT TO KNOW HOW TO TAKE CARE OF BIRDS IN YOUR COMMUNITY?



A GENERAL GUIDE ON BIRD SAFETY & BIRD WINDOW COLLISIONS



WANT SIMPLE SOLUTIONS?



**DID YOU KNOW?
AN ESTIMATED 250,000 BIRD WINDOW &
GENERAL GLASS COLLISIONS HAPPEN EACH YEAR
IN OTTAWA ALONE!**



- Install Feather Friendly Visual Marker Tape on your windows or glass railings in a 5cm or 2" pattern to make your windows visible for birds (available for purchase at <https://shop.featherfriendly.com/>, by emailing Safe Wings at info@safewings.com, or at a variety of other stores listed on Safe Wings website)
- Hang ribbon, string or parachute cord in front of windows, spaced 5 cm – 10 cm (2 – 4") apart
- Doodling on the outside of your windows with oil based paint marker (perfect for an engaging and fun activity with friends or family)
- Apply decals or stickers in a dense pattern (make sure to not leave too much space in-between!)



ADDITIONAL STRATEGIES

- Close curtains or blinds to reduce clear views through opposite or adjacent windows to eliminate see-through effects
- Move houseplants away from windows or hang sheer curtains so birds aren't distracted by the greenery

For more information go to:
<https://safewings.ca/> or call 613-216-8999