

Common US Spiders

Black Widow- Webs built in dry & sheltered areas- sub floors, garages, around building materials & rubbish. Painful bite that can be fatal to young and elderly. Venom can cause serious illness (head ache, nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, pyrexia and hypertension).

Brown Recluse – The venom of the brown recluse can cause significant coetaneous injury with tissue loss and necrosis

Hobo Spider – The bite is painless, 24 hours after bite a blister will form. 24-36 hours later blister breaks open and leaves an open oozing ulceration. Sever head ache is common along with nausea, weakness, fatigue, temporary memory loss and vision impairment. Seek medical attention.

Black House Spider- Pain and Redness around the bite site. Heavy sweating, muscular pains, vomiting, headaches and giddiness. Seek medical attention asap.

Deadly & Dangerous



Black Widow Spider



Brown Recluse Spider



Hobo Spider

Toxic with Painful Bite



Black House Spider



Female Mouse Spider



Male Mouse Spider



Wolf Spider

Female/ Male Mouse Spider - Normally not aggressive unless provoked but is dangerous. Has large harfangs that cause deep painful bite. Seek medical attention right away.

Wolf Spider – the bite is poisonous but not lethal. They bite freely if provoked. The bite is very painful and children and the elderly should seek medical attention asap.

Low Risk



Huntsman Spider



Garden Orb-Weaving Spider



St Andrew's Cross Spider



Trapdoor Spider

Huntsman Spider – The bite is non toxic and non- aggressive to humans. Can give a painful bite though. Lives under tree bark, flat rocks and often enters home.

Garden Orb-Weaving Spider – Non toxic to humans and non aggressive spider. They seldom bite. Found in garden areas of the home. Can spin circular web up to six feet across between buildings or shrubs to catch flies and mosquitoes.

St. Andrews Cross Spider – The bite is non toxic to humans and they are non aggressive. ¼” – ½” in length. Usually sits in the middle of its web which is spun in gardens to catch flies and mosquitoes.

Trapdoor Spider – Bite is non toxic to humans – usually non aggressive but will show fangs if harassed. Rarely bites but if so it will be painful. Usually found in drier open ground areas around the home.

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