

Spider- Bite First Aid

Bite symptoms include sharp pain, sudden swelling, vomiting, nausea & diarrhoea

Funnel Web Bite Symptoms:

Sudden salivation, muscular twitching, breathing difficulty What to do:

- 1. Check breathing and pulse.
- 2. Calm casualty.
- 3. Apply pressure with bandage on bitten area.
- 4. Do not move casualty.
- 5. Call 000 for an ambulance.

Red-Back Bite Symptoms:

Intense spreading pain, small hairs stand on end.

What to do:

Apply icepack to bitten area and seek medical aid.

Poisons Information Centre Tel. 13 11 26

Emergency Spider Chart

All spider sizes are head/body length, excluding legs

Dangerous and Deadly



One of the world's deadliest spiders

FEMALE 35mm- Male 25mm
Ground dwelling.
Aggressive in summer and autumn.



Red-Back

Fatal bites recorded
FEMALE 10mm-MALE 3mm
Found under rocks, logs, rubbish.
Dry and sheltered areas.



White-Tail

Bites can cause skin ulceration
FEMALE 20mm-MALE 12mm
Found under bark, rocks, in gardens.
Will wonder inside home.

Poisonous and Painful Bite



Common Black House Timid. Painful bite, nausea, sweating FEMALE 18mm-MALE 9mm Found in webs in window

frames, eaves and fences.



Garden Wolf
Non aggressive
FEMALE 35mm-MALE 20mm
Ground dwelling.
Found in lawns.



Mouse (Female 20mm)
Toxic venom. Large fangs.
Deep painful bite.
Ground dwelling.
Often mistaken for funnel-web.



Mouse (Male 15mm)
Toxic venom. Large fangs.
Deep painful bite.
Ground dwelling.
Often mistaken for funnel-web.

Common - Low Risk



St Andrew's Cross Reluctant to bite. Harmless.

FEMALE25mm-MALE 5mm Found in large suspended web in garden.



Huntsman Timid. Rarely bites.

FEMALE 45mm-MALE 30mm
Lives under bark in daytime.
Will wander indoors.



Trap-Door
Mildly toxic. Non aggressive.
FEMALE 35mm-MALE 20mm
Ground dwelling. Burrower.

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Garden Orb Reluctant to bite. Harmless. FEMALE 30mm-MALE 20mm Found in large suspended

web in garden.

FIXTHIS CHART INSIDE A KITCHEN CUPBOARD. YOU MAY NEED IT!