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**Spider Bites and Scorpion Stings**

**Black Widow Spider Bite**

The black widow is a shiny, jet black spider with long legs and a red or orange hourglass-shaped marking on its underside. It is about an inch long, including the legs. Black widow and brown recluse spiders are the only heavily venomous spiders in North America. Black widow bites cause immediate local pain and swelling. Muscle cramps may also occur for 6 to 24 hours. They rarely cause death (except in younger children or when the victim is bitten by several spiders).

Call your child's healthcare provider IMMEDIATELY in all cases.

- **First aid** Wash the wound with soap and water to help prevent infection. Put an ice cube on the bite to slow the spread of the venom. Then go to the nearest emergency room or where available for severe bites in young children.
- **Prevention** Black widow spiders generally live in sheds, woodpiles, garages, and other dark places. Don't play or work in woodpiles, rock piles, or dark corners of outdoor buildings where black widow spiders are seen.

**Brown Recluse Spider Bite**

The brown recluse is brown, has long legs, and has a dark, violin-shaped marking on its head. It is about 1/2 inch long, including the legs. Brown recluse spider bites cause delayed skin damage and require grooming. The bites are rarely fatal.

Call your child's healthcare provider IMMEDIATELY in all cases.

- **First aid** Apply ice and get medical attention immediately. Wash the bite thoroughly with soap and water. Bring the spider with you if possible. Brown recluse spiders may be hard to see.
- **Prevention** Don't stay in woodpiles, rock piles, or dark corners of outdoor buildings without wearing gloves. Brown recluse spiders like outdoors under rocks, logs, woodpiles, and brown recluse hunts at night and does not use a web. Bites may occur while moving stored items, putting on a piece of clothing where a spider is hiding. Brown recluse spiders can bite if handled.

**Bite by a Nondangerous or Unidentified Spider**

Many spiders can cause local but nondoangerous reactions (for example, golden garden spiders). The bites are painful and mildly swollen for 1 to 2 days, much like a bee sting. In rare unexplained, tender bites that occur on children during the night. (Mosquito bites are usually itchy rather than painful). Many people worry about the tarantula, a black hairy spider that local reaction resembling a bee sting.