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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 111 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.

Emergency Spider Chart

All spider sizes are head/body length, excluding legs

Dangerous and Deadly



Funnel-Web

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 wander 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.
 FEMALE 25mm-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.
 Often mistaken for funnel-web.



Garden Orb

Reluctant to bite. Harmless.
 FEMALE 30mm-MALE 20mm
 Found in large suspended web in garden.