

# SPIDER BITE GUIDE

Report the injury 24/7 using injury reporting hotline (877) 502-9466

## BLACK WIDOW



REGION



### PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

- Shiny black body with long legs
- Red hourglass on underside of abdominal area
- Entire body, including legs, is about 1 inch (2.5 cm) across

### BITE SYMPTOMS

- Muscle cramps/spasms that start near the bite and then spread and increase in severity for 6 to 12 hours
- Chills, fever, sweating, nausea, or vomiting
- Severe belly, back, or chest pain
- Headache

BITE PAIN



SKIN DAMAGE



BITE



## BROWN RECLUSE SPIDERS



REGION



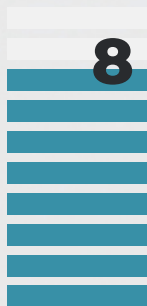
### PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

- Golden or dark brown body with long legs
- Dark violin shape on top of the leg attachment segment
- Six eyes - a pair in front and a pair on both sides - rather than the usual spider pattern of eight eyes in two rows of four
- Central body is 0.25 to 0.75 inches (6 to 19 mm) long

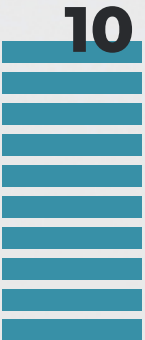
### BITE SYMPTOMS

- Pain or redness at the site of the bite
- A deep sore (ulcer) that forms where you were bitten, with the skin at the center turning purple
- Fever, chills or nausea
- Joint pain/weakness

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## HOBO SPIDERS



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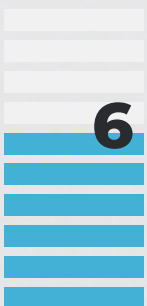
### PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

- Range in size from 9-15 millimeters
- Subdued coloration, mixture of brown and rust earth shades
- Herringbone pattern on the top side of their abdomens

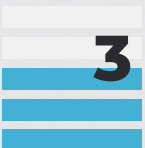
### BITE SYMPTOMS

- Bite can go unnoticed
- Headache that lasts up to 7 days
- Bone or joint pain and muscle weakness
- Often blamed for necrotic wounds

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BITE



## TREATMENT

- ✓ Clean the bite with mild soap and water. Apply an antibiotic ointment to help prevent infection.
- ✓ Apply a cool damp cloth to the bite. This helps reduce pain and swelling.
- ✓ If the bite is on an arm or leg, elevate it.
- ✓ Take an over-the-counter pain reliever as needed.
- ✓ Observe the bite for signs of infection
- ✓ Tetanus booster shot may be recommended if you haven't had one in the last five years.
- ✓ Antibiotics may be prescribed if the bite becomes infected.

If a black widow bite is causing severe pain or life-threatening symptoms, you may be given antivenom, which can be injected into a large muscle or intravenously.

