

## Spider Species

### White Tailed Spider

White Tailed Spiders are often found in homes where they prey on other spiders, including Black House and Redback Spiders.



Their bite is very painful, causing burning, redness and swelling. There is little conclusive evidence that bites by these spiders cause extensive skin ulceration. Medical attention should be sought if symptoms persist.

### Black House or Widow Spider

Building untidy webs, usually with a funnel entrance, the Black House or Window Spider usually lives in trunks, logs and rock walls in the garden.

Inside the house they are usually found around window frames and crevices.

Because of its timid nature the Black House spider rarely bites, however, symptoms generally include nausea, sweating, localised pain and swelling.



### Did you know:

Found in a wide variety of habitats, spiders prefer dark, undisturbed and sheltered places. They are often found in ceiling cavities, basements, behind furniture and in cracks between boards.

## FAQ

### Can I be home at the time of the treatment?

Yes you can, the treatment is completely safe once dry. We just ask that you do not go outside whilst the technician is spraying, and that you close all windows and doors.

### Is it safe for my pets to be home at the time of treatment?

Pets are fine to be home whilst we are treating. We just ask you to restrain them while the technician is spraying for their own safety, keep them away from the treatment until dry, and to cover any fish tanks or ponds.

### What happens if I am still having a problem after the treatment?

Sandgate Pest Control offer a 3 month Free Service Period (warranty) on all webbing spiders. It takes two weeks for the treatment to take full effect, so, if you are still having a problem after the recommended two weeks, call the office and we can come back and re-treat the problem areas.

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### Huntsman Spider

The most commonly found spider, the Huntsman can live anywhere, but favours sheltering plants. A fast moving spider, they can measure up to 15cm from leg to leg. They have a flat body which is useful for them to crawl into hiding spots.



The Huntsman is a harmless spider but they can bite. If one does bite you, it is usually painful and swelling may occur. An ice-pack may relieve symptoms but if pain persists please see a doctor.

### Wolf Spider

Wolf spiders are hardy spiders, often found living in small burrows or under leaves, bark or other debris. The Wolf Spider will feed mainly on insects such as crickets or lizards and doesn't use a web to catch prey, choosing to hunt instead.



Although not an aggressive spider, the Wolf Spider may defend itself by biting. Symptoms of a bite include local pain and itchiness. If symptoms persist please see a doctor.

## Spider Control

### Outdoor Control

- Remove any piles of bricks, firewood or debris that may become a home for spiders
- Keep any grass or weeds near your home cut short
- Trim back shrubs and other plants near your home
- Seal any obvious cracks or spaces around the foundations, doors or windows
- Make sure any screens fit tightly and repair any screens that are damaged
- Change outside lights to ones less attractive to spider prey. Yellow lights are less attractive to insects than sodium vapour lights.

### Indoor Control

- Remove papers, boxes, bags and other clutter to minimise hiding spots for spiders
- Remove webbing with a broom or a vacuum, and destroy any egg sacks and spiders that are found. T
- Eliminate insects that serve as a food supply. This could mean installing fly screens on doors and windows, or simply keeping doors and windows closed unless in use.

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### Redback Spider

Redback Spiders are commonly found in logs, under rocks, in flower pots in the garden, in roof eaves, garden sheds and under shelves inside the home.



Bites occur frequently, especially in the warmer months. Their bite can cause serious illness and even death, particularly for pets, the young and the elderly. Immediate medical attention should be sought if bitten.

### Orb Weaving

Orb Weaving Spiders build large, strongly constructed webs to catch prey. The webs are usually placed between bushes.



Orb spiders are reluctant to bite, symptoms are usually negligible or mild local pain, numbness and swelling. Occasionally nausea and dizziness can occur.

### Did you know?

Most spiders only live for one year, but some species can live for as long as 20-25 years.