Bites & Sting First Aid

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• Place a cool compress over sting area.
• Call the Poison Center if a small child is stung by a scorpion.
• With breathing problems or swelling of the lips, call 911.

Preventing Bites and Stings

• Leave wild animals alone.
• These creatures are active in Winter during the warmest part of the day.
• Active in Summer during the coolest part of the day
• Keep hands and feet out of tight spaces.
• Wear shoes when walking after dark.
• Use lights at night.

Snakebite First Aid

• Call 911 immediately.
• Relax and move as little as possible but head to the nearest Health Care Facility.
• Remove jewelry or shoes from bite area.
• No ice, no tight bandages, no cutting on the bite area

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Scorpions

• The bark scorpion has the most dangerous sting.
• Hide in small cracks & dark places
• Stings can cause pain, numbness and tingling.
• Small children may have jerky body and eye movements.

Spiders

Black Widow

• Round body with red or orange hourglass markings underneath
• Bite feels like a pin prick.
• Bite may cause pain and cramping in the upper body, nausea, vomiting, and headaches.

Arizona Brown

• Often confused with the Brown Recluse.
• Tan to brown color
• Found in closets, woodpiles, folds of clothes and under sinks.
• Pain and flu-like symptoms after a bite
• Wound site is large and slow to heal.

Gila Monster

• Only venomous lizard in United States
• Black and coral skin pattern
• Can grow up to 2 feet long.
• Can deliver a very firm bite, requiring medical care.

Rattlesnake

• A triangular head and a rattle on the tail
• Do not always rattle before they bite
• Most active April through October
• All species of rattlesnakes can deliver a dangerous bite.
• Bites are usually caused by disturbing the snake.
• Bites cause pain, swelling and bleeding problems.
When You Call

The phone will be answered
- by a caring pharmacist who is a poison information expert
- 24 hours a day, every day of the year
- with your privacy protected

FOR MORE INFORMATION ... on what to do for a poisoning, bite or sting, or tips on poison proofing your home
- Call 1-800-222-1222
- Or check our website: www.pharmacy.arizona.edu

About the Poison Center
- Founded in 1952 by UA College of Pharmacy Professor Albert L. Picchioni, Ph.D.
- The Center is administered by the UA College of Pharmacy
- Our mission is to provide:
  - relevant advice about poison and medication related emergency treatment
  - referral assistance and complete information on poisons and toxins
  - poison prevention and safe use of medications

Call the Poison Center 24 hours a day for:
- Treatment for poisoning
- Bites and stings
- Poisonous plants
- Food poisoning
- Pesticide information
- Poisonings of animals
- Workplace exposures
- Foreign drug identification
- Hazardous materials disposal
- Information on poison prevention
- Reactions to drugs and chemicals
- Information on drugs in breast milk
- Educational programs for organizations