

Copperhead & Cottonmouths



Broad-banded Copperhead



Trans-Pecos Copperhead



Southern Copperhead



Western Cottonmouth

Coral Snakes



Coral snake symptoms may be delayed for 10-12 hours. If it is likely that the bite is from a coral snake, the victim should be taken to the hospital for observation and treatment.

Pit Vipers



Timber Rattlesnake



Mojave Rattlesnake

Symptoms

Mild Envenomation

- Fang marks, usually paired but not always
- Mild to severe pain
- Mild inflammation and swelling
- No systemic symptoms

Moderate Envenomation

- Fang marks with swelling
- Immediate pain at bite site & spreading to surrounding tissue
- Blood and/serum may ooze from fang punctures
- Vomiting, metallic taste in mouth
- Muscle twitches or tremors

Severe Envenomation

- Immediate, severe pain at bite site
- Oozing of serum & blood from fang punctures
- Rapid swelling, some bruising
- Metallic taste, numb lips, nose, or tongue
- Blurred vision, altered mental state
- Shock, diffuse, or life-threatening internal bleeding
- Respiratory difficulty
- Kidney failure_

First Aid

- **Seek medical attention.**
- Remain calm.
- Remove any rings or constricting items because the affected area may swell.
- If possible, wash the bite with soap and water and cover with a clean cloth or dressing.
- Immobilize the bitten area.
- Keep the bitten limb level with the heart.

- NEVER cut the skin.
- NEVER attempt to suck the venom out.
- NEVER use ice.
- NEVER use a tourniquet.
- NEVER use aspirin, anti-inflammatory drugs or alcohol.
- NEVER use electric shock.
- NEVER try to capture the snake.

Call the Poison Center at 1-800-222-1222 for more instructions.



Black Widow

Syptoms:

- Pin prick bite
- Tingling sensation
- Muscle & abdominal cramping
- Nausea, vomiting & weakness
- Difficult breathing

First Aid:

- Benadryl® by mouth
- **Seek medical attention immediately**



Brown Recluse

Syptoms:

- Stinging sensation
- Painful bite site after 6-8 hours
- Pale circle with red spot
- Hot bite site
- Fever
- Joint pain
- Nausea & vomiting

First Aid:

- Apply cool packs
- **Seek medical attention immediately**

Scorpion

Syptoms:

- Multiple stings
- Local burning
- Swelling
- Numbness
- Nausea & vomiting
- Irregular heart beat
- Blood pressure change
- Blurred vision
- Difficulty swallowing

First Aid:

- Cool packs
- Topical medication
- Benadryl® by mouth
- **Seek medical attention immediately for face numbness or a metallic taste in the mouth.**



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Bites Stings & Venomous Things

"The Dangerous Dozen"

Venomous critter

identification, sting symptoms
& wound first aid for
Arkansas, Louisiana,
New Mexico, Oklahoma & Texas



Bees

Syptoms:

- Multiple stings
- Painful sting

First Aid:

- Remove stinger
- Wash wound
- Apply topical cream containing antihistamines, corticosteroids, benzocaine or menthol
- Or, apply baking soda paste



Wasps

Syptoms:

- Painful sting

First Aid:

- Wash wound
- Apply topical cream containing antihistamines, corticosteroids, benzocaine or menthol
- Apply baking soda paste