

*“Those who charm
scorpions and
handle snakes only
brand themselves
with their own
hands.”*

~Sri Guru Granth

QUICK TIPS:

Different insect repellents work on different types of insects. Some can actually attract more bugs. Take time to review the specifications prior to use.



Allergies:

If you have an allergic reaction to an insect bite, reactions to future bites tend to be quicker and more severe. Always be prepared to administer whatever form of treatment that your doctor or allergist has prescribed.

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Insect Stings

Florida's subtropical climate is not only attractive to people; insects enjoy it as well. Last year, 437 state employees were bitten or stung by these insects, many resulting in lost work time. Some of these bites are merely a painful nuisance, while others may be life threatening if left untreated. This hazard, like many others, could be mitigated or prevented through the use of personal protective equipment (PPE). However, insects are everywhere. It would not be practical to wear full-body PPE 24 hours a day. Since we must accept a certain amount of risk associated with insects and insect bites, we should take every practical measure to reduce our exposure. We should also be prepared to administer first aid to ourselves and others around us. The following website provides comprehensive instructions on how to prevent and treat insect bites. Keep in mind that along with these practices, you should always consult your physician following first aid, especially if you or the bitten individual experiences an allergic reaction to the insect bite.



Prevent and Treat Insect Bites

Getting Started

Most insects that pose a danger to humans are brightly colored or have become easily identifiable through education and awareness campaigns. However, some highly poisonous insects have a harmless appearance. This week's Safety Notes link will direct you to a website that provides further guidance into the identification of hazardous insects.

Identify Dangerous Insects



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