

Spiders usually fall within two categories: hunting spiders and web-building spiders. Both types of spiders are abundant in the North West though hunting spiders are seldom seen because they hide in dark secluded areas and do most of their hunting at night. Most North West spiders are small beneficial arthropods whose primary function is to keep other nuisance insects at manageable levels. All spiders are predators and use venom to subdue their prey; however, most spiders are too small or possess poison that is too weak to harm us.

Common North West Spiders

Comb-footed spiders, includes the Black Widow spider, are often found in garages, woodpiles and crawlspaces. The female Black Widow spider, commonly found east of the Cascades, is large enough to bite humans. Children and the elderly are more likely to experience severe symptoms. If you suspect you have been bitten by a female Black Widow spider you should get immediate medical attention.

Orb spiders come in a variety of colors and produce the familiar webbed wheel. These spiders are found outdoors, usually near the home and gardens and have mouth parts too small to bite humans.

Funnel-web spiders live in dank dark areas of the home and hide inside their funneled webs waiting for unsuspecting prey to come along. The aggressive house spider, sometimes called the hobo spider, is a member of this family and has been implicated in a number of human bites.

Crab spiders and Jumping spiders are common garden inhabitants and sometimes enter the home. These spiders are quick hunters but have mouth parts too small to bite humans.

Brown Recluse spider, this spider is not native to the Northwest though many spider bites here are attributed to the Brown Recluse. It wouldn't be uncommon for a Brown Recluse to be transported to the Northwest via cargo but the real culprit to these reported bites is probably the hobo spider.

Spider Control

It would be difficult or impractical to eliminate all spiders around your home, and due to their beneficial nature we wouldn't want to. Therefore, Adept Pest Solutions has developed a treatment plan that reduces spiders to a tolerable level. The exterior spider service for your home includes brushing excess spider webbing away from the siding, eaves, and window frames and treating those areas with a bio-degradable product that eliminates webbing and discourages further web building. We will also follow up with further recommendations that may include removing excess debris and wood piles away from the house, keeping the lawn mowed and pruning trees and shrubs away from the home. For interior spider problems our treatment plan would take into account the cleanup and organization of stored materials, particularly in the garage or basement, and would consist of a crack & crevice treatment along with periodic monitoring to maintain control. An Adept Pest Solutions technician can aid in developing a customized treatment plan that works best for you.

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