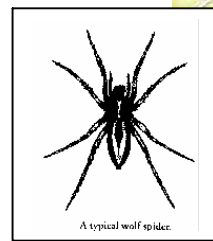
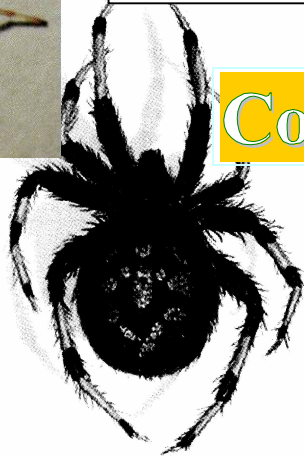




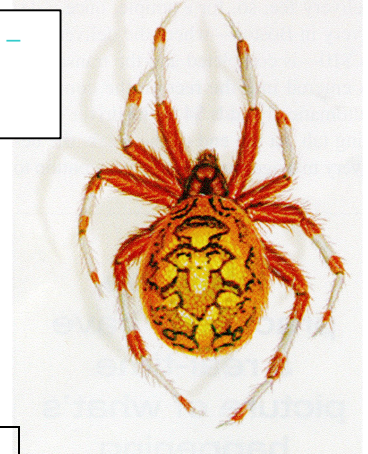
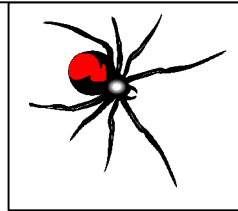
Spiders differ from insects – they have 8 legs rather than 6, and 2 body parts rather than 3. And they all spin silk for webs. And they prey on insects and inject a



Concerned About Spiders?



While most are beneficial – **IT IS OK NOT TO LIKE THEM!!!**



And a few can cause you problems.....
....Like the Brown Recluse, Black Widow and Hobo

Are spiders a threat? Well, it depends. In the Pacific Northwest many spiders are relatively harmless. All spiders can bite, but with most spiders the venom is not potent enough to cause a severe reaction. Spiders only tend to bite people as a means of self-defense. Some just look large and frightening.

One that has received a lot of publicity is the **brown recluse**. It is gained a reputation as one of North America's truly poisonous spiders. It's bite can cause necrosis (dying of the skin tissue). Fortunately it is normally found in southern states and your chance of having a **brown recluse** spider in your home or business is very slim. It would have to be transported.

Hobo spiders, however, are found here and they are considered a dangerous species. It was first identified in Seattle in 1930 after being introduced from Europe. While they are not known to be fatal to healthy humans they can produce a mild necrosis and a wound that takes months to heal. The **hobo spider** makes a funnel web which is a trampoline-like flat sheet leading back into a hole between bricks, under wood or in shrubs.

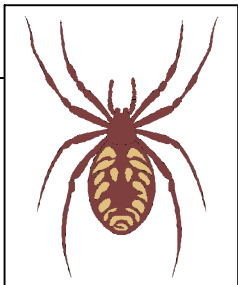
And we also have the **black widow**. They are found naturally east of the Cascade Mountains and occasionally in Western Washington. Your chance of being bitten by one of these three poisonous spiders is slim, but possible.

Most of the spiders you find in and around your home are not one of the three above, even if you consider them big and creepy. You can help eliminate spiders by trimming back trees and shrubs close to the house, cutting back outdoor lighting (which attracts flying insects which in turn attracts spiders), and sealing up cracks.

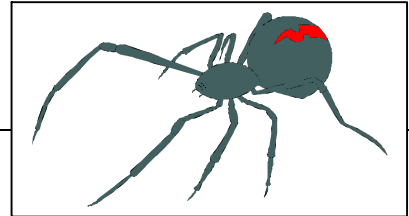
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