



Common Species: Huntsman Spider, Black House Spider, Red Back Spider, White Tailed Spider.

Habitat

Spider (Arachnids) are nocturnal. During the night, and particularly at dusk, they are the most active, leaving the protection of burrows and shelters.

Spiders live in almost every habitat on earth. The only places where there are no spiders are the polar regions, the highest mountains and the oceans.

Many different spiders live alongside humans exploiting the nooks and crannies of houses, sheds and gardens.

Ground dwelling spiders do not build spider webs but dwell in rubbish, under leaves, in holes, vents, the garden, etc. Examples include Funnel Web, White Tails, Huntsman and Wolf Spiders

Web spinning spider habitats include places such as corners of windows, cornices, skirtings, behind curtains, ceiling voids, sub floors, gutter lines, outdoor furniture, fences and garden areas. Examples include Red Back, Black House, Daddy Longlegs and St Andrew's Cross Spiders.

Post Treatment Recommendations

DO NOT return home for a minimum of 4 hours following treatment

DO NOT contact powder or residue without use of gloves and a dust mask.

DO NOT wash down or remove spider webs for 4 weeks

DO NOT water garden for 12 hours following the treatment

DO NOT wash window frames, eaves, outdoor furniture, skirtings or cornices for 4 weeks

DO wash any cooking or eating utensils exposed to powder or residue.

DO wipe down benches. Use towelling or cloth and wear gloves. Dispose of after use.

DO inform any other trades-persons that a pest control treatment has been carried out to the roof void and sub floor areas and recommend they wear PPE, i.e. gloves and dust mask.

Prevention Tips

- Repair cracks and crevices, and cover vents and weepholes
- Install flyscreens and bristle strips at the bottom of doors, therefore reducing the number of entry points to the house.
- Keep the garden cleared of rubbish, etc, that can be used as harbourage sites.
- Keep trees and shrubs cut back from the house
- When working in the garden, wear appropriate clothing such as gloves.
- Do not walk outside at night barefoot
- Keep external lights switched off at night. These attract insects which, in turn, will attract spiders.