



## SPIDERS

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Brown Recluse, House Spider, Cellar Spider, Wolf Spider, Fishing Spider.

Spiders in Canadian homes include the brown recluse, house spiders, cellar spiders, wolf spiders, and fishing spiders. Spiders have four pairs of walking legs and up to eight eyes. A constricted waist attaches their two body regions. Spiders produce silk, to make webs to catch their prey, make cocoons for eggs, and to build nests. When the prey is tangled in the web, the spider will impede its prey by wrapping it in more silk and injecting paralyzing venom. Not all spiders use webs to catch their food. One example would be the wolf spider. The wolf spider actually hunts its prey. Spiders inject digestive fluids into their prey and then suck the digested liquid food out. Spiders are commonly found in garages, basements, behind baseboards, attics, corners of rooms and closets. Most spiders are shy and will run away from confrontation. If they feel threatened, they will bite.

There are two spiders, which are considered a health risk, the brown recluse, and less commonly the black widow spider. The reaction to the bites of these two spiders depends on a number of factors including the amount of venom, the location of the bite, and the sensitivity of the individual. Seek medical attention if either of these spiders bites you. Spiders are considered beneficial because they feed on other insect pests.

Install weather stripping around doors and install screens to prevent spiders from entering. Seal any openings or cracks on outside of premises to prevent re-infestation.

### How to prepare your unit for treatment

Remove any debris from corners of rooms and along baseboards by sweeping or vacuuming. Remove any webs when not in use by the spider. If a treatment is required, it will include a perimeter as well as any other affected areas. **Avoid** contact with insecticide until dry. Make sure there are **no pets or people** in apartment during treatment. People and pets must remain out for at least 4-6 hours to allow adequate drying time. If you are pregnant or have asthma, you should leave for at least 8 hours or overnight.