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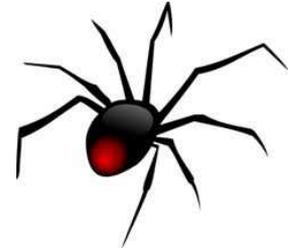
### Dangerous Australian animals

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With respect to poisonous things in Australia, and dangerous things, we do have a lot of things you do have to be careful of if you do come and visit Australia. We have [snakes](#), and there's a lot of snakes, and there's a lot of poisonous snakes that you can run into on the beach or in the forest, and you do have to be really careful. Usually the poisonous snakes are quite fast and they do... most times they will run away from you if you're making a noise, but if you accidentally step on one, they will bite you, and then you may die. So when you're going walking or anything like that in Australia, it's a good idea to always carry a mobile phone and a bandage (so) that if you do get bitten you can actually

wrap your leg so that it prevents the venom travelling around your body; and then the best thing is to lie still, if you can. But as far as snakes go, you'll run into them in the forest, some people have them in their backyards; I've had a few dogs coming to me that had been bitten by poisonous snakes as well. We can treat it, there's an antivenin for the snakes in Australia, but you have to treat them really quickly because if you don't treat them they can die within 12 hours, and the same with people. People do get bitten by snakes, especially children because they go and pick them up, and it's just not a very good thing to do. And especially around beach and coastal areas, there are a lot.



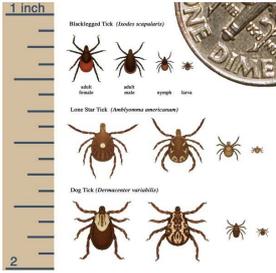
The other things that we do have, which you've probably heard of, are sharks. There are a lot of sharks around ... in the waters here. Fortunately in Noosa, on the Sunshine Coast, they do have [shark nets](#), which help keep the sharks out of the swimming areas, but you've got to be really careful if you go to places in Victoria or New South Wales because they have the Great White Shark, and he is just bad... I think he's just generally a very evil shark.



What else have got? If you go North, into ...like Northern Queensland, they have these really bad [jellyfish](#), and there are certain times of the year that you can't go swimming out there because the jellyfish are so bad they will kill you. Down this way (*Southern Queensland*), we get little jellyfish they call stingers ([blue bottles](#)). We get them quite often, but they will ... they will give you a sting but they won't actually cause you much ... as far as fatal damage ... they won't kill you.



Up North, there's also crocodiles, and there's a lot of those if you go swimming in places way up North, near the Northern tip of Australia.



Um, what else have we got? We also have those little creatures called ticks, and they kind of hide out in the bushy areas, down the coastal areas, and they're little parasites about as big as a fly or smaller, and they get on you, and then they attach, and then they suck blood and at the same time they actually inject the poison which paralyzes you. So ... and they crawl, they crawl all around, and they actually come everywhere; and I've seen a lot of dogs that suffer from paralysis from these ticks because they're very bad, and especially over summer.



The other thing you can run into in a forest is [spiders](#), and there's a lot of big, nasty spiders around here as well. Not all of'em are bad, there's some big hairy ones that most people have in their houses called **Huntsman**. They're usually OK, they're good at keeping the fly numbers down and ... but then if you go around Sydney and in some New South Wales areas, they have these spiders called **Funnelwebs**, which are really really dangerous. Fortunately, we don't have them on the Sunshine Coast at the moment. There are some other little spiders called **White Tail spiders**, then if they bite you, they'll actually cause a lot of damage, and they actually hurt a lot, but they don't kill you. There's also little spiders called **Redbacks**, that you've got to be careful of, and there're little black spiders with a little red stripe on their back, they can hurt a lot if they bite too.

And then, what else have we got that's kind of bad? I think that's all, I can't think of anything else that we have that's really ... really bad ...