



 Please call 911 if you think you have a medical emergency.

## Black Widow Spider Bite Treatment

### Self-Care at Home

- Seek immediate emergency medical treatment.
- Wrap ice in a washcloth or similar material and place it on the bite area.
- Leave it on for 10 minutes and then off for 10 minutes.
- Repeat this process.

### Medical Treatment

- If possible bring the spider to the emergency room.
- Knowing the time of the bite and the location of the bite is helpful.
- The type of treatment will depend on the symptoms.
- Pain medication, muscle relaxants, and drugs to lower blood pressure may be needed.
- Antivenin is only given in severe cases as severe allergic reactions can occur.

## more information from eMedicineHealth

- [When to Seek Medical Care](#)
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