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Oklahoma Venomous Snake Species

Copperhead, Cottonmouth, Western Diamondback Rattlesnake, Timber Rattlesnake, Prairie Rattlesnake, Western Massasauga Rattlesnake and the Western Pigmy Rattlesnake.

Common Oklahoma Poisonous/Venomous Insect Species

Brown Recluse, Black Widow, Yellow Jacket, Ticks, Mosquitos, Scorpions, Saddleback Caterpillar, Chiggers, Ants, etc.

Snakebite Treatment

- Identify if possible.
- Keep bite below heart level if possible.
- Clean with soap and water.
- Seek medical attention.

Insect Bite Treatment

- Try to catch the insect if safely possible.
- Check for a stinger. If stinger is present, gently scrape away from the wound to reduce released toxin.
- Clean with soap and water.
- Apply ice if possible.
- Seek medical attention.
 - Call Poison Control.

Severe allergic reactions (Anaphylaxis) are not common. But when they happen, they're emergencies.

Symptoms can include:

- Trouble breathing.
- Hives that appear as a red, itchy rash and spread to areas beyond the sting.
- Swelling of the face, throat, or any part of the mouth or tongue.
- Wheezing or trouble swallowing.
- Restlessness and anxiety.
- Rapid pulse.
- Dizziness or a sharp drop in blood pressure.

POISON CONTROL
1-800-222-1222