

Ticks

Adult tick before feeding



4mm long

Adult tick after feeding



10mm long



Key facts

- Tick bites are usually harmless, but can sometimes cause an allergic reaction.
- You should not squeeze, agitate or forcibly remove ticks.



What to do after visiting a known tick area



Heat clothing in drier



Search body for ticks



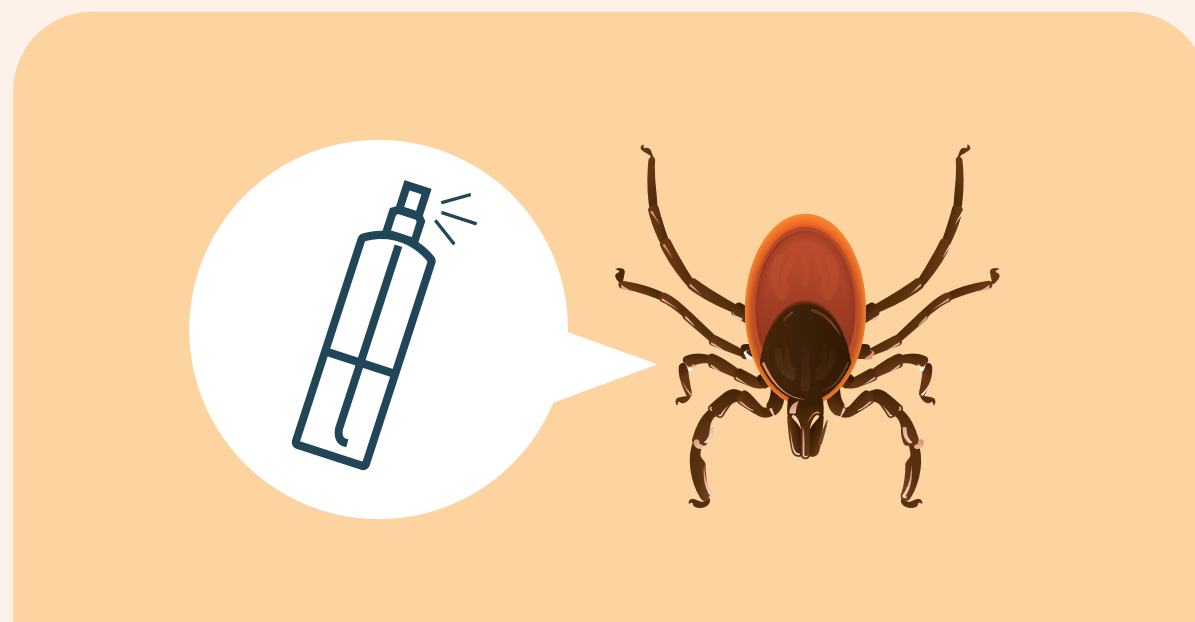
Check children



Check pets



How to kill ticks



Freeze the tick with an ether-containing spray, and wait for it to drop off.



Do not try to remove ticks with tweezers.



Do not remove the tick - kill it with ether-containing spray. If you are allergic to ticks or have mammalian meat allergy seek medical help. If you or someone near you has trouble breathing or collapses after a tick bite, **call triple zero (000) and ask for an ambulance.** If you have access to an adrenaline autoinjector, administer it, and continue to follow the steps of an ASCIA action plan, if one is available.