



First Aid for Venomous Bites and Stings

Australia is home to some of the most venomous creatures in the world! They can inject venom through bites and stings. Learn the correct first aid such as DRS ABCD, the Pressure Immobilisation Technique (PIT) and the main differences outlined below so you'll know what to do.

Always alert an adult and seek medical advice by calling 000 for an ambulance.

Pressure Immobilisation Technique (PIT):



Australian snakes including sea snakes



Funnelweb and big black spiders



Blue-ringed octopuses



Cone snails

Ice Pack:



Red back spiders



Others (except funnelweb and big black spiders)



Wasps, bees, ants



Scorpions



Leeches



Centipedes

Learn more about venomous creatures and first aid via the Australian Bites & Stings App! For further information on bites or stings, please talk to your doctor.

Hot Water:



Stingrays



Stinging fish (including stonefish)

Sea Water: (non-tropical stings)



Blue bottle*

*sea water can be used to remove tentacles. Then immerse the stung area in hot water e.g. hot shower.

Vinegar: (tropical stings)



Box jellyfish and Irukandji

The above information is indicative in nature and general only. Always seek professional medical advice in the event of a venomous bite or sting.



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