

Deer Ticks (Lyme disease, babesiosis, anaplasmosis)

Dog Ticks (Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever) Lone Star Ticks



Lyme disease is a bacterial infection you get from a deer tick bite. Symptoms include a bull's-eye rash, joint pain, and flu-like symptoms. Untreated Lyme disease is serious!

How to Remove a Tick:

- 1. Use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin's surface as possible.
- 2. Pull upward with steady, even pressure to remove the tick. Avoid twisting or jerking.
- 3. Clean the bite area and hands with rubbing alcohol, iodine scrub, or soap and water.
- 4. Dispose of the tick by putting it in a glass or jar filled with rubbing alcohol.



Unfed Tick



Fed (engorged tick)





<u>Tick Tips:</u>

- Wear long sleeves and repellent when walking in woods and fields.
- Check for ticks daily.
- Shower after being outdoors.
- Contact your doctor if you have any symptoms of Lyme disease after being bitten by a tick.



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