



SCORPIANS

Basic Tips to Avoid Scorpion Stings

Always keep your fingers and toes where you can see them.

- It applies to every situation—reaching into a bag, putting slippers on, checking underneath a bed for a lost sock—they all require a bit of thinking before doing.

Shake out clothes and shoes.

- Every time, and in every situation. By making it a habit, you can keep yourself away from harm.
- Don't leave clothes on the floor. It's a perfect hiding spot for scorpions.

Never go barefoot outside.

- Always wear proper footwear.

Wear gloves when doing work or putting hands in dark corners.

- This is a very easy way to prevent being stung.
- Make sure the gloves are thick enough so the stinger can't penetrate through the glove itself. Various companies make scorpion-proof gloves.

Reduce the Risk of Scorpion Stings Inside Buildings

- Scorpions want three things: food, shelter, and water.

Stop water leaking in walls, around faucets, and from pipes.

- Scorpions are small, and if there's water nearby—they will find it.

Block all holes and cracks.

- Conduct regular inspections to look at caulking and entry holes around utility pipes.

Don't let clutter accumulate.

- Scorpions want to hide. Don't let them!

No cardboard storage.

- Don't store items in loose cardboard boxes that scorpions can rest in.
- Store items in clear plastic containers with tight lids.





Always inspect items before bringing them inside—especially underneath.

- Scorpions love undisturbed objects, and they will hitch a ride inside.
- Arizona bark scorpions enjoy being upside down. They can hide under furniture and be carried inside very easily.

Avoid Scorpion Stings Outside of Buildings

Get rid of standing water.

- Clean up any old tires, plant pots, wheelbarrows, and any other objects that could have standing water in them.

Remove extra bark, tree limbs, or other debris.

- Some scorpions live under bark in the wild. Don't fool them into thinking that your yard is a safe place for scorpions.

Look for potential threats with scorpion “hunts” at night.

- Scorpions glow under UV light (blacklights).
- Grab a UV flashlight and shine it around your work area.
- Check your foundation, windowsills, and doors for possible entry points.



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