

Top 10 Most Venomous Spiders in Australia

- always be alert to allergic reactions – anaphylaxis is life-threatening and requires emergency medical attention
- images are not to scale



1 Sydney Funnel-Web



- Treatment:**
- Keep casualty at rest, reassured, and under observation.
 - Call 000/112.
 - Follow basic life support guidelines (DRSABCD).
 - Apply Pressure Immobilisation Technique. This PIT procedure aims to restrain movement of venom from the bite site into circulation, thus "buying time" for the patient to reach a medical facility. Bandage over the bitten area as tightly as you would for a sprained ankle. Extend bandaging up the limb. Immobilise the limb. PIT is suitable only for Funnel-Web spider and snake bites.
 - Do not use a tourniquet.
 - Do not cut, suck, or wash the bite site.

White-Tailed Spider 6



- Treatment:**
- Same as for Redback.

2 other Funnel-Webs



- Treatment:**
- Same as for Sydney Funnel-Web.

Australian Tarantula 7



- Treatment:**
- Same as for Redback.

3 Redback



- Treatment:**
- Keep casualty under constant observation.
 - Apply an ice pack or a cold compress on the bite area to lessen the pain.
 - If the casualty is a young child and collapse occurs or pain is severe, follow basic life support (DRSABCD) guidelines.
 - Call 000/012 or transport the casualty to a medical facility as soon as possible.
 - Do not use a pressure immobilisation bandage.

Recluse Spider 8



- Treatment:**
- Same as for Redback.

4 Mouse Spider



- Treatment:**
- Same as for Redback.

Huntsman 9



- Treatment:**
- Same as for Redback.

5 Trap-Door



- Treatment:**
- Same as for Redback.

Garden Orb Spider 10



- Treatment:**
- Same as for Redback.