

False Widow Spider

The False Widow Spider resembles other more common spiders and can be found in similar areas. It has become a more common occurrence in the south of England due to our temperate climate. False Widow Spiders are commonly found on walls, darkened spaces and sheds along with House Spiders.



Spiders are in large numbers at the moment due to the abundance of flying insects that emerge in Autumn including cluster flies and wasps which have bred this year in large numbers. Spiders are Insectivores (insect eaters).

The False Widow Spider can bite if provoked. Whilst the bite may be painful the venom should not be anything stronger than a wasp or bee sting. If you think you have been bitten you should treat any problems symptomatically. However if a serious allergic reaction occurs you should seek medical attention and if possible take the spider or photograph of it along for identification.

False Widow Spiders are not aggressive and most injuries to human are defensive bites when a spider is squeezed or pinched.

The Council does not offer a service for the treatment of spiders and do not survey premises for the existence of spiders. Spiders generally do not pose a public health risk and in fact will be of more benefit in removing other insect pests from our areas. For further information please contact Pest Control Services.

Further more detail information can be found here www.nhm.ac.uk/nature-online/species-of-the-day/biodiversity/alien-species/steatoda-nobilis/index.html .

For Pest Control treatment: 01454 868001

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