



TICK BITE NOTIFICATION FORM

Please tape tick in box below for identification

Name: _____

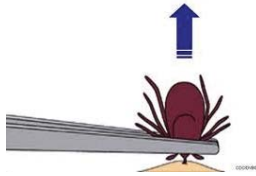
Date bitten: _____

Location on body: _____

Place an X in the box next to type of tick found:

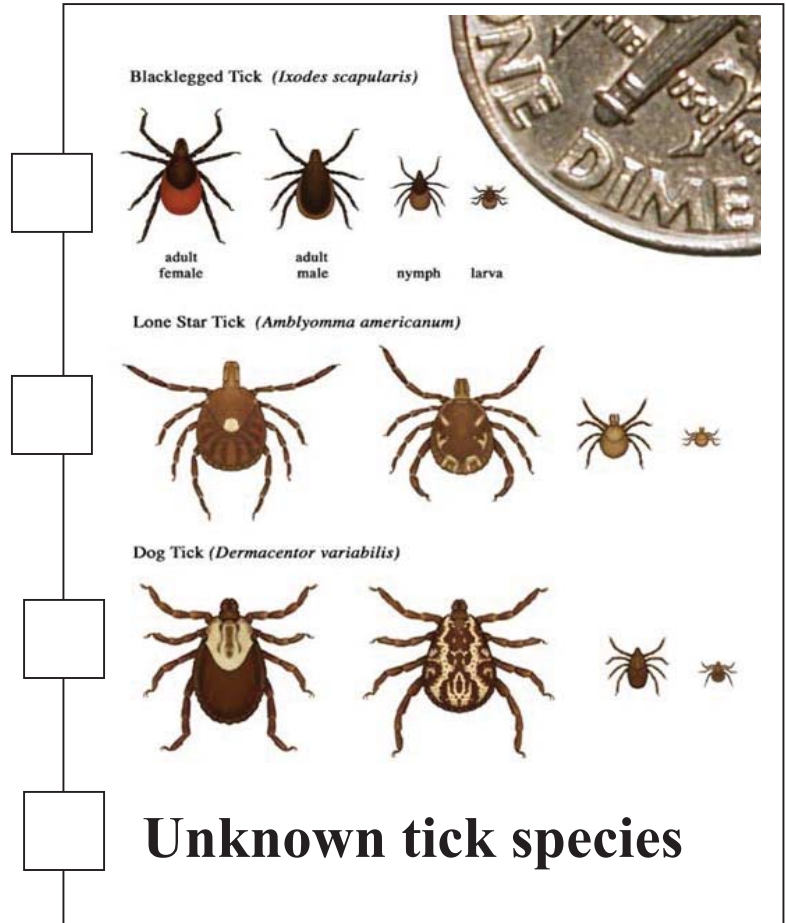
To Remove a Tick

- Use fine-tipped tweezers and protect your hands with a tissue or glove.
- Grab the tick close to the skin—do not twist or jerk the tick.
- Gently pull straight up until all parts of the tick are removed.
- Clean the tick bite with soap and water or an antiseptic.
- Wash your hands with soap and water, or an alcohol-based rub.
- Do not use petroleum jelly, a hot match, nail polish or other products to remove ticks.



Quick Tick Tips

- Check for ticks daily and bathe after being in tick habitat.
- Look for ticks in late spring through early fall, when they are most active.
- Many tick-borne diseases have similar early symptoms, including fever, headache, fatigue, and possible rash.
- If untreated, infection may spread from the site of the bite to other parts of the body producing symptoms of Bell's palsy or Erythema Migrans.
- **Contact your health care provider:**
 - to discuss prophylaxis if the tick was attached for at least 24 hours, or
 - if you develop any symptoms after a tick bite or being in tick habitat



Blacklegged Tick (*Ixodes scapularis*)

adult female adult male nymph larva

Lone Star Tick (*Amblyomma americanum*)

Dog Tick (*Dermacentor variabilis*)

Unknown tick species

For tick identification, tape the tick on this form or put it in a baggie and follow directions on the back.

- Tick identification is a free service
- MDA does not offer medical advice
- Ticks are not tested for diseases



For more information visit:

Maryland Department of Health (MDH) website: <https://phpa.health.maryland.gov/OIDEOR/CZYVBD/Pages/lyme-disease.aspx>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website: <https://www.cdc.gov/ticks/diseases/>

Maryland Department of Agriculture (MDA) website: <http://www.mda.state.md.us/plants-pests/Documents/tickid.pdf>

TICK IDENTIFICATION

MDA USE ONLY Log # _____ Date in: _____ Date done: _____
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Directions: Fill out this sheet, tape the tick to a small piece of paper or put into a dry container - no alcohol. Send tick and form to the following address and a letter of identification will be sent to you.

**Maryland Department of Agriculture
Plant Protection & Weed Mgt. Section
50 Harry S Truman Pkwy.
Annapolis, MD 21401**

SUBMITTER INFORMATION:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number: Home: _____ Work: _____

Date Collected: _____ Location (Town) of Collection: _____

Host: () Human () Pet, specify: _____ () Other: _____

Bite Site: () Leg () Arm () Trunk () Head/Neck () Unattached

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Degree of engorgement: () Flat () Partially Engorged () Fully Engorged

Specimen condition: () Live () Dead (good) () Dead (poor)

Life Stage: () Larva () Nymph () Male () Female

TYPE OF TICK

() Black-legged deer tick - Ixodes scapularis

() American dog tick - Dermacentor variabilis

() Lone Star tick - Amblyomma americanum

() Brown dog tick - Rhipicephalus sanguineus

() Winter tick - Dermacentor albipictus

() Other tick - _____

() Other Arthropod: () Louse () Mite () Flea () Other _____

Comments: _____

Identification by: _____