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How to reduce contact with spiders in your home

- Make sure any small cracks and openings to your home are well sealed.
- Remove spider webs from the foundation, eaves, windows, and door frames of your home (using a pressure washer or strong sprayer attached to a garden hose).
- Install good window screens.
- Install rubber, plastic, or brush gaskets underneath doors that lead outdoors or into garages and basements.
- Seal gaps in window frames with weather stripping, wood putty, or sealant.
- Seal gaps around plumbing with construction foam.
- Watch for spiders if you bring firewood, potted plants, or other objects in from outside.
- Vacuum regularly and vacuum any visible spiders.
- Keep bedding several inches above the floor.
- Shake clothes and shoes before wearing.
- Shake your bath towels before using.
- Use spider traps, which are most effective when placed on the floor in dark corners and under furniture. If not correctly placed, traps are not effective, but may trap and kill at least a few spiders.