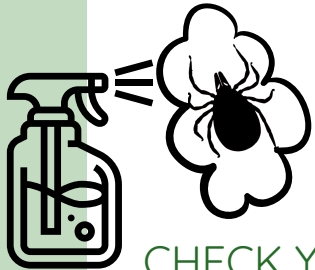




ARE YOU TICK AWARE?

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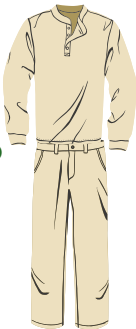


REPELLENTS

Use insect repellents containing DEET

CHECK YOUR CLOTHES

Wear light coloured long clothing so ticks are easier to spot and brush off



Remove your clothes when arriving home; not in the bedroom, as ticks could remain on carpets/bedding.



CHECK YOUR SKIN

Ticks like warm, moist places; think waist, armpits, hair line, groin, ears

Keep exposed skin to a minimum. Wear long sleeves and tuck trousers into socks



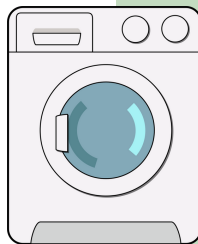
GOING OUTSIDE

Avoid/take care in areas with dense vegetation

Walk on paths


PETS

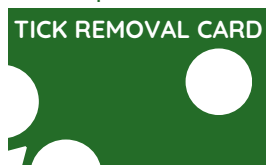
Wash pet bedding by itself at 50°C




REMOVING TICKS:

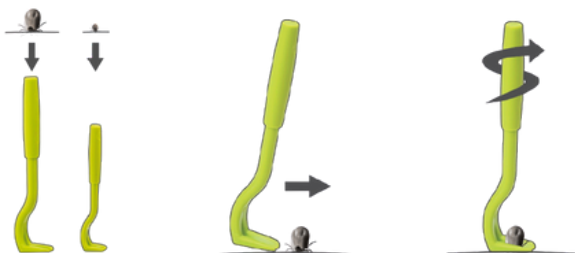
 remove the tick as soon as possible


 to use the card: place card between tick and skin. Then scrape the tick off



 ensure all mouthparts are removed, any parts left in the skin can cause a local infection

 to use the remover tool:




 apply antiseptic to the bite area/wash with soap and water. Keep an eye on the site for several weeks for any changes




FOLLOWING A TICK BITE, IF YOU FEEL UNWELL WITH FLU-LIKE SYMPTOMS OR DEVELOP A RASH AROUND THE SITE OF ATTACHMENT PLEASE CONSULT YOUR GP.

DO NOT

 cover the tick with oils, lotions, chemicals or petroleum jelly

 try to burn the tick off with a lit cigarette end or match. This can increase the likelihood of the tick passing on a disease

 squeeze or squash the tick

