

# Arachnid Envenomation in Taiwan.

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摘要

## **Abstract**

Taiwan is located at the juncture of tropical and subtropical regions. About 300 species of spiders in Taiwan are named. Among the variety of spiders, only two kinds of spiders are reported to do serious harm to people. They are *Latrodectus hasselti* (red back spider) and *Macrothele* species (include *M. gigas*, *M. holsti* and *M. taiwanensis*). Tarantula which is mainly imported for petting would also do harm to people. Until now, no mortality case after spider bite was reported in Taiwan. The treatments of spider bite in Taiwan are supportive treatments. It is important to educate people not to capture the spiders with hands and be aware of the spiders especially in the dark and wet environment. If bitten by a spider, it is important to search medical support as soon as possible.(Ann Disaster Med. 2004;3 Suppl 1:S12-S17)