

TICK FACTS

- 1 Ticks are usually found in wooded or brushy areas.
- 2 Ticks do not fly, jump or move quickly.
- 3 The most common tick in Wellington, Dufferin and Guelph is the American Dog Tick. It is not associated with Lyme disease.
- 4 The blacklegged tick population is expanding in the area and may transmit the bacteria that causes Lyme disease.
- 5 Quick detection and removal through daily tick checks is unlikely to result in Lyme disease transmission.
- 6 A tick that is feeding will get swollen and oversized over time.
- 7 In Ontario, blacklegged ticks are more commonly found on the north shores of Lake Ontario and Lake Erie.

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TICK ID

KNOW THEM, PREVENT THEM.



Blacklegged Tick (Deer Tick)

Image source: URI TickEncounter Resource Center



larva



nymph



adult male



adult female

Enlarged
View

(inches) 0 1/4" 1/2" 3/4" 1" 1 1/4" 1 1/2"

Approx.
Size



nymph
(1/32" - 1/16")



adult male
(1/8")



engorged adult
(up to 1/2")



American Dog Tick (Wood Tick)

Image source: Maine Medical Center Research Institute



adult male



adult female

Enlarged
View

PREVENT TICK BITES

Use caution in areas where ticks are more likely to be found:



Wear light-coloured pants and a long-sleeved shirt so ticks are easy to see.



Wear closed footwear and tuck pants into socks.



Use a Health Canada approved insect repellent with DEET or Icaridin.



Perform daily full-body tick checks on yourself, children and pets.

TICK REMOVAL

Using tweezers or a tick remover:



- 1 Grasp the tick firmly between the body of the tick and the skin** (do not pinch too tightly or bacteria from the tick may be squeezed into the bloodstream).
- 2 Pull the tick straight out.**
- 3 Clean the bite area with soap and water.**

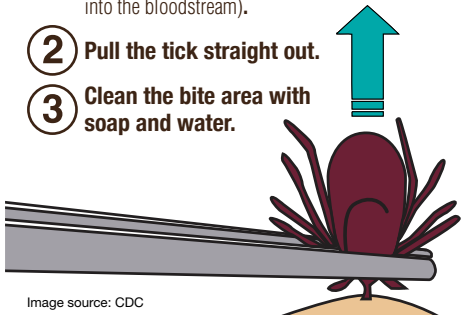


Image source: CDC

Ticks can be submitted for identification. For more information call Public Health at

1-800-265-7293

If you have been bitten by a tick and are concerned, contact your healthcare provider. Keep the tick so it can be submitted for identification.