



Mosquitoes transmit diseases such as dengue fever, chikungunya and malaria to more than 500 million people annually, resulting in over 1 million deaths every year.



More information about dengue fever:

Queensland Health Dengue Website
<http://health.qld.gov.au/dengue>

Dengue Helpline

1800 DENGUE (336 483)

REMEMBER TO:

Tip it



Store it



Throw it



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The World's
DEADLIEST ANIMAL



IS IN YOUR HOME



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Dengue fever is a serious viral disease that can make you very sick and may develop into severe dengue. Patients may be hospitalised with some cases being life-threatening.



You get the dengue virus from the bite of an infected (*Aedes aegypti*) mosquito. Mosquitoes become infected after feeding on a person that is sick with dengue. Once a mosquito is infected, it can transmit the virus to **everyone it bites**.

THE MOSQUITO...

Aedes aegypti mosquitoes live and feed in your home. They attach their eggs to containers holding water near your property. They **DO NOT** live in the bush, in creeks, blocked storm water drains, or flooded grounds. They develop from egg to adult in 10 days so at least **once per week** you need to

TIP IT, STORE IT, THROW IT.

Tip it



Tip out any containers holding water. Examples include: pot-plant bases, buckets and tarpaulins.

Store it



Store anything that can hold water in a dry place or under cover. Examples include: tyres, gardening equipment, toys, trailers or boats.

Throw it



Throw out any rubbish lying around your yard and clear your roof gutters. Examples include: fallen palm fronds, unused containers and tyres.



Tip it Store it Throw it

At least **once per week**, search your yard for containers:

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| 1. Bird bath | 8. Toys |
| 2. Palm fronds | 9. Pot plants/striking pots |
| 3. Sump pit | 10. Roof gutter |
| 4. Buckets | 11. Water tank |
| 5. Boat | 12. Wheelbarrow |
| 6. Bromeliads | 13. Wading pool |
| 7. Tyres | 14. Tarps |

DO I HAVE DENGUE FEVER?

Dengue fever is a serious illness and can make you very sick.



Common signs of dengue fever include:

- Fever
 - Headache
 - Joint pain
- Other signs may include:
- Rash
 - Vomiting / diarrhea
 - Abnormal taste in mouth.



If you think you have dengue fever, **see a doctor immediately**. Your doctor will request a blood test to confirm if you have dengue fever.

STOP THE BITE

And you can **STOP THE DISEASE.**

Reduce your risk by avoiding mosquito bites:

- Use insect repellent containing DEET or Picaridin
- Use plug-in mosquito repellents or coils
- Install screens on windows and doors
- Spray residual surface spray to the underside of furniture in your home.

