# Watch Where You're Going: Poisonous Animals for Kids Ages 6-10

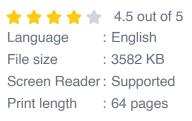
The world is full of amazing animals, but some of them can be dangerous. Poisonous animals are animals that can produce venom, which is a toxic substance that can cause harm to other animals, including humans. Venom can be injected through bites, stings, or spines.

It's important for kids to learn about poisonous animals so that they can avoid them and stay safe. Here are some of the most common poisonous animals that kids should be aware of:



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#### Snakes

Snakes are one of the most well-known poisonous animals. There are over 3,000 species of snakes in the world, and about 600 of them are venomous. Venomous snakes can be found on every continent except Antarctica.

The most common venomous snakes in the United States are:

\* Copperheads \* Cottonmouths \* Rattlesnakes \* Water moccasins

These snakes are typically found in woodlands, swamps, and marshes. They are ambush predators that typically strike at their prey from a concealed position.

Snake venom can cause a variety of symptoms, including pain, swelling, nausea, vomiting, and dizziness. In severe cases, snake venom can be fatal.

### Spiders

Spiders are another common poisonous animal. There are over 40,000 species of spiders in the world, and about 30 of them are venomous. Venomous spiders can be found on every continent except Antarctica.

The most common venomous spiders in the United States are:

\* Black widows \* Brown recluse spiders \* Wolf spiders

These spiders are typically found in dark, secluded areas, such as under rocks, logs, and in sheds. They are not typically aggressive, but they will bite if they feel threatened.

Spider venom can cause a variety of symptoms, including pain, swelling, nausea, vomiting, and dizziness. In severe cases, spider venom can be fatal.

## Scorpions

Scorpions are arachnids that have a long, segmented tail with a venomous stinger at the end. There are over 1,500 species of scorpions in the world, and about 30 of them are venomous. Venomous scorpions can be found in warm climates around the world.

The most common venomous scorpions in the United States are:

\* Bark scorpions \* Arizona bark scorpions \* Striped bark scorpions

These scorpions are typically found in dry, rocky areas, such as deserts and canyons. They are not typically aggressive, but they will sting if they feel threatened.

Scorpion venom can cause a variety of symptoms, including pain, swelling, nausea, vomiting, and dizziness. In severe cases, scorpion venom can be fatal.

## Centipedes

Centipedes are long, segmented creatures with many legs. There are over 3,000 species of centipedes in the world, and about 100 of them are venomous. Venomous centipedes can be found in warm climates around the world.

The most common venomous centipedes in the United States are:

\* House centipedes \* Giant desert centipedes \* California giant centipedes

These centipedes are typically found in dark, damp areas, such as under rocks, logs, and in basements. They are not typically aggressive, but they will bite if they feel threatened.

Centipede venom can cause a variety of symptoms, including pain, swelling, nausea, vomiting, and dizziness. In severe cases, centipede venom can be fatal.

#### **Frogs and Toads**

Frogs and toads are amphibians that have smooth, moist skin. There are over 6,000 species of frogs and toads in the world, and about 100 of them are venomous. Venomous frogs and toads can be found in tropical and subtropical regions around the world.

The most common venomous frogs and toads in the United States are:

\* Poison dart frogs \* Cane toads \* Colorado River toads

These frogs and toads are typically found in moist, humid areas, such as rainforests and marshes. They are not typically aggressive, but they will secrete venom if they feel threatened.

Frog and toad venom can cause a variety of symptoms, including pain, swelling, nausea, vomiting, and dizziness. In severe cases, frog and toad venom can be fatal.

#### Safety Tips

Here are some safety tips for kids to help them avoid poisonous animals:

\* Never touch or handle any wild animal. \* Be aware of your surroundings and watch where you step and sit. \* Wear shoes and socks when walking in areas where poisonous animals may be present. \* If you see a poisonous animal, do not approach it. Slowly back away and leave the area. \* If you are bitten or stung by a poisonous animal, seek medical attention immediately.

Poisonous animals can be dangerous, but by following these safety tips, kids can help to avoid them and stay safe.

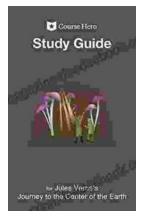


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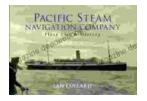
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