

## Common House Spider

**Size:** Females 3/16" to 1/2 " in length.  
Males 1/8 to 3/16" in length



**Description:**

- Colour is highly variable from yellowish brown, dirty white to almost black.
- Legs orange in male and usually yellow in female with reddish-brown ring at the end of each leg segment.

**Biology and Habits:** These spiders have a life span on average of 12 –16 months. A female can produce up to 17-20 egg sacs in her lifetime. Each egg sac containing an average 250 eggs for an average total of 4000 plus eggs in her life cycle.

The House Spider prefers outdoor humid conditions around the home. Focusing on lighting and air movement patterns to build random webs. Webs that do not produce caught prey are abandoned in a matter of days and new webs constructed.

During the day these spiders avoid sunlight, rain and wind by crawling up into seams, voids, soffit-facia on the buildings until dusk when they feed on prey in their webs.

**Control:** Due to the enormous abundance of this spider, mechanical control, lighting reduction and harborage reduction are futile. Professional, properly timed exterior perimeter treatments with residual insecticides is essential to maintain minimal populations around exterior perimeters of buildings.