



KNOW...

- All scorpion species have venom, but not all are dangerous to humans.
- There are at least **16 different species** in Yelapa, each one with different grades of toxicity.
- **9** of those are specifically of the **Centruroides** genus (bark scorpions, also known as “blond” scorpions), which are usually dangerous to humans.
- It's very hard to tell the species apart, so the only way to know if you need the serum is to **pay attention to the symptoms**.
- Scorpion venom has neurotoxins, cardiovascular toxins, and toxins that induce necrotic inflammation.
- The only thing that can effectively neutralize it is the **anti-venom serum**. Nothing else will work.
- If you took a remedy and don't get a reaction, **it does not mean that your remedy is “working”**. It only means that you were stung by a non-dangerous species and/or an individual with a depleted venom sac, for example, after hunting.

IF STUNG...

- Stay **CALM**, focus on breathing slowly and relaxing your muscles. You will have plenty of time to act if needed.
- Let people around you know that you were stung.
- **Do not take or apply anything at all** — Particularly antihistamines like Benadryl or home remedies, as they will only mask the symptoms, which could be **very dangerous**.
- **Do not use venom “extractors”** or make cuts on the area — They won't work at all and could make things worse by spreading the toxins.
- Pay **calm attention** to the signs and symptoms:

SIGNS & SYMPTOMS

1. You WILL feel a sharp pain where it stung – **ALWAYS**
2. The area MIGHT get red, numb, and/or swollen – **NOT ALWAYS**
3. You MIGHT feel the venom “moving”: a warm local sensation and/or light numbness starting at the stung area and spreading slowly up or down your extremity or body – **NOT ALWAYS**
4. You MIGHT feel numbness on your lips and/or mouth, and/or tickles in your throat, “like hairs” – **NOT ALWAYS**

If you have ONLY the first 3 – There is no immediate need to do anything.

If the symptoms get to 4 you should get the serum.

DO NOT PANIC. You still have plenty of time!

WHERE TO GO

These people in Yelapa have the anti-venom serum or they will tell you what to do:

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