

# TICK BITE NOTIFICATION FORM

Please tape tick in box below for identification

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

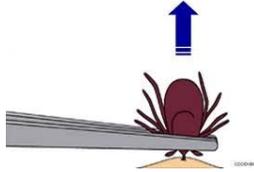
Date bitten: \_\_\_\_\_

Location on body: \_\_\_\_\_

Place an X in the box next to type of tick found:

## To Remove a Tick

- Use fine-tipped tweezers and protect your hands with a tissue or glove.
- Grab the tick close to the skin—do not twist or jerk the tick.
- Gently pull straight up until all parts of the tick are removed.
- Clean the tick bite with soap and water or an antiseptic.
- Wash your hands with soap and water, or an alcohol-based rub.
- Do not use petroleum jelly, a hot match, nail polish or other products to remove ticks.



## Quick Tick Tips

- Check for ticks daily and bathe after being in tick habitat.
- Look for ticks in late spring through early fall, when they are most active.
- Many tick-borne diseases have similar early symptoms, including fever, headache, fatigue, and possible rash.
- If untreated, infection may spread from the site of the bite to other parts of the body producing symptoms of Bell's palsy or Erythema Migrans.
- **Contact your health care provider:**
  - to discuss prophylaxis if the tick was attached for at least 24 hours, or
  - if you develop any symptoms after a tick bite or being in tick habitat

Blacklegged Tick (*Ixodes scapularis*)

adult female      adult male      nymph      larva

Lone Star Tick (*Amblyomma americanum*)

Dog Tick (*Dermacentor variabilis*)

**Unknown tick species**

For tick identification, tape the tick on this form or put it in a baggie and follow directions on the back.

- Tick identification is a free service
- MDA does not offer medical advice
- Ticks are not tested for diseases



**For more information visit:**

# TICK IDENTIFICATION

<b>MDA USE ONLY</b> Log # _____ Date in: _____ Date done: _____
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**Directions:** Fill out this sheet, tape the tick to a small piece of paper or put into a dry container - no alcohol. Send tick and form to the following address and a letter of identification will be sent to you.

**Maryland Department of Agriculture  
Plant Protection & Weed Mgt. Section  
50 Harry S Truman Pkwy.  
Annapolis, MD 21401**

## SUBMITTER INFORMATION:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Collected: \_\_\_\_\_ Location (Town) of Collection: \_\_\_\_\_

Host: ( ) Human ( ) Pet, specify: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Bite Site: ( ) Leg ( ) Arm ( ) Trunk ( ) Head/Neck ( ) Unattached

## MDA USE ONLY

Degree of engorgement: ( ) Flat ( ) Partially Engorged ( ) Fully Engorged

Specimen condition: ( ) Live ( ) Dead (good) ( ) Dead (poor)

Life Stage: ( ) Larva ( ) Nymph ( ) Male ( ) Female

## TYPE OF TICK

( ) Black-legged deer tick - Ixodes scapularis

( ) American dog tick - Dermacentor variabilis

( ) Lone Star tick - Amblyomma americanum

( ) Brown dog tick - Rhipicephalus sanguineus

( ) Winter tick - Dermacentor albipictus

( ) Other tick - \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Other Arthropod: ( ) Louse ( ) Mite ( ) Flea ( ) Other \_\_\_\_\_

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

Identification by: \_\_\_\_\_