JEWISH FESTIVALS: INSECTS

Jewish Festivals: Insects that May Carry Diseases

You may kill mosquitoes and other insects on <u>Jewish festivals</u> if they carry deadly diseases, which makes the insects a danger (*sakana*). You may kill insects that might carry diseases even if you do not know for certain.

Jewish Festivals: Biting or Stinging Insects

If insects such as bees or non-diseased mosquitoes don't carry diseases but they bite or sting you, you may kill them on <u>Jewish festivals</u>, as well as trapping them or chasing them away with bug spray. Unlike on <u>Shabbat</u>, on a <u>Jewish festival</u> you may kill insects that are a nuisance, such as gnats or flies. These <u>halachalot</u> apply to all <u>Jewish festivals</u> unless they fall on <u>Shabbat</u> (or are <u>Yom Kippur</u>).

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