JEWISH FESTIVALS: INSECTS

Jewish Festivals: Insects that May Carry Diseases

You may kill mosquitoes and other insects on *Jewish festivals* 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 *Jewish festivals*, as well as trapping them or chasing them away with bug spray. Unlike on *Shabbat*, on a *Jewish festival* you may kill insects that are a nuisance, such as gnats or flies. These *halachalot* apply to all *Jewish festivals* unless they fall on *Shabbat* (or are *Yom Kippur)*.

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