

*Children should be inspected for ticks after time in woods or brush. Ticks may carry serious infections and must be completely removed. Do **NOT** handle ticks with bare hands.*

Refer to your facility's policy regarding the removal of ticks.

Wear disposable gloves when exposed to blood and other body fluids.

Wash the tick area gently with soap and water before attempting removal.

- Using a tweezer, grasp the tick as close to the skin surface as possible and pull upward with steady, even pressure.
- Do **NOT** twist or jerk the tick as this may cause the mouth parts to break off. It is important to remove the **ENTIRE** tick.
- Take care not to squeeze, crush, or puncture the body of the tick as its fluids may carry infection.

- After removal, wash the tick area thoroughly with soap and water.
- Wash your hands.
- Apply a sterile adhesive or Band-Aid type dressing.

Ticks can be safely thrown away by placing them in container of alcohol or flushing them down the toilet.

Contact parent/guardian.