Beware of the Kissing Bug

Life of T. cruzi

The Facts about Kissing Bugs

- Kissing bugs don’t really kiss… they bite around your eyes and lips.
- Kissing bugs can make you really sick. To protect your family keep the house and yard clean.
- If you get bitten by a dark bug with orange stripes, look for swelling on your face or arms and legs.
- T. cruzi could also infect your pet or other animal.
- If you have fever, feel tired and just want to stay in bed… tell your parents, then go to the doctor and get it checked.

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I live in all sorts of places like under porches, in wood piles, in rock piles, crawl spaces, under cement, and around dog bedding outside.

Seal cracks and gaps around windows, walls, roofs, and door. Cover holes that lead to attics, and crawl spaces.

Remove wood piles, brush, and rock piles near your home.

Use screens on doors and windows and repair any torn screens.

Keep your pets inside especially at night. Make sure your pet’s area is clean, and check for bugs.

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