

Funnel Web Spider Antivenom

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI) summary

The [full CMI](#) on the next page has more details. If you are worried about using this medicine, speak to your doctor or pharmacist.

1. Why am I using Funnel Web Spider Antivenom?

Funnel Web Spider Antivenom contains the active ingredient funnel-web spider antivenom (rabbit). Funnel Web Spider Antivenom is given to those people who become ill from venom after being bitten by a funnel web spider.

For more information, see Section [1. Why am I using Funnel Web Spider Antivenom?](#) in the full CMI.

2. What should I know before being given Funnel Web Spider Antivenom?

Talk to your doctor if you have any other medical conditions, take any other medicines, or are pregnant or plan to become pregnant or are breastfeeding.

For more information, see Section [2. What should I know before being given Funnel Web Spider Antivenom?](#) in the full CMI.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Some medicines may interfere with Funnel Web Spider Antivenom and affect how it works.

A list of these medicines is in Section [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#) in the full CMI.

4. How is Funnel Web Spider Antivenom given?

- The dose for both adults and children is the contents of two vials (125 units X 2 vials = 250 units). This dose can be repeated as necessary.

More instructions can be found in Section [4. How is Funnel Web Spider Antivenom given?](#) in the full CMI.

5. What should I know while being given Funnel Web Spider Antivenom?

Things you should do	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tell your doctor if you experience any side effects
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For more information, see Section [5. What should I know while being given Funnel Web Spider Antivenom?](#) in the full CMI.

6. Are there any side effects?

Common side effects may include: allergic reactions, rash and hives.

If you experience the following serious side effects, tell your doctor immediately:

- sudden signs of allergy such as rash, itching or hives on the skin, swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body, shortness of breath, wheezing or trouble breathing
- rapid, shallow breathing, cold, clammy skin, a rapid, weak pulse, dizziness, weakness and fainting
- pinkish, itchy swellings on the skin, also called hives or nettle rash
- fever, swelling, skin rash, joint pains and swelling of the glands in the neck armpit or groin, anytime up to two weeks after the injection.

For more information, including what to do if you have any side effects, see Section [6. Are there any side effects?](#) in the full CMI.

Funnel Web Spider Antivenom

Active ingredient(s): *funnel-web spider antivenom (rabbit)*

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about using Funnel Web Spider Antivenom. **You should also speak to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like further information or if you have any concerns or questions about using Funnel Web Spider Antivenom.**

Where to find information in this leaflet:

- [1. Why am I using Funnel Web Spider Antivenom?](#)
- [2. What should I know before being given Funnel Web Spider Antivenom?](#)
- [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#)
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1. Why am I using Funnel Web Spider Antivenom?

Funnel Web Spider Antivenom contains the active ingredient funnel web spider antivenom (rabbit). Funnel Web Spider Antivenom is a spider antivenom and is an injection designed to help neutralise the effect of the poison (venom) of the funnel web spider.

Funnel Web Spider Antivenom is used to treat people who become ill after being bitten by a funnel web spider.

2. What should I know before being given Funnel Web Spider Antivenom?

Warnings

Funnel Web Spider Antivenom should not be given if:

- You do not have any ill effects from the spider bite. Always check the ingredients to make sure you can use this medicine although it can be an emergency life-saving product and should not be withheld from anyone who needs it.

Check with your doctor if you:

- have any other medical conditions, especially the following: asthma, hayfever.
- take any medicines for any other condition
- have allergies to any other medicines

- have allergies to any other substances such as foods, preservatives or dyes
- have ever received an injection containing rabbit serum
- have ever had an injection of Funnel Web Spider Antivenom.

During treatment, you may be at risk of developing certain side effects. It is important you understand these risks and how to monitor for them. See additional information under Section 6. [Are there any side effects?](#)

Pregnancy and breastfeeding

Check with your doctor if you are pregnant or intend to become pregnant.

Talk to your doctor if you are breastfeeding or intend to breastfeed.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines, including any medicines, vitamins or supplements that you buy without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure about what medicines, vitamins or supplements you are taking and if these affect Funnel Web Spider Antivenom.

4. How is Funnel Web Spider Antivenom given?

How much is given

The dose for both adults and children is the contents of two vials (125 units X 2 vials = 250 units). This dose can be repeated as necessary.

Your doctor will take precautions to counteract any allergic reactions if they should happen.

When is Funnel Web Spider Antivenom given

Funnel Web Spider Antivenom should only be given when you become ill after being bitten by a funnel web spider.

How is Funnel Web Spider Antivenom given

This medicine is injected slowly into a vein. As the vials contain a dry powder, it is first necessary to dissolve the powder in sterile water and then inject the solution. The vial can be gently swirled to help the powder dissolve.

Funnel Web Spider Antivenom does not contain any antimicrobial preservative. It should be used once and any residue discarded.

5. What should I know while being given Funnel Web Spider Antivenom?

When medicines are produced in animals and injected into you, it is always possible that viruses or other substances could be present in the medicine and cause an illness. These could be viruses or other infectious agents which may not yet have been discovered. In the past, there have been no reports of this ever having happened with this product.

If you have any queries about any aspect of the medicine, or questions regarding information in this leaflet, discuss them with your doctor or pharmacist.

6. Are there any side effects?

All medicines can have side effects. If you do experience any side effects, most of them are minor and temporary. However, some side effects may need medical attention.

As the antivenom is made from rabbit serum, side effects occur more commonly in those who have allergies, particularly if they have ever had injections before which were also prepared from rabbits. Allergic reactions can be treated by your doctor.

See the information below and, if you need to, ask your doctor or pharmacist if you have any further questions about side effects.

Serious side effects

Serious side effects	What to do
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sudden signs of allergy such as rash, itching or hives on the skin, swelling of the face, lips tongue or other parts of the body, shortness of breath, wheezing or trouble breathing Rapid, shallow breathing cold clammy skin, a rapid, weak pulse, dizziness, weakness and fainting Pinkish, itchy swellings on the skin, also called hives or nettle rash Fever, swelling, skin rash, joint pains and swelling of the glands in the neck armpit or groin, anytime up to two weeks after the injection. These may be serious side effects. You may need urgent medical attention. 	<p>Call your doctor straight away, or go straight to the Emergency Department at your nearest hospital if you notice any of these serious side effects.</p>

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice anything else that may be making you feel unwell.

Other side effects not listed here may occur in some people.

Do not be alarmed by this list of possible side effects.

You may not experience any of them.

Reporting side effects

After you have received medical advice for any side effects you experience, you can report side effects to the Therapeutic Goods Administration online at www.tga.gov.au/reporting-problems. By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

Always make sure you speak to your doctor or pharmacist before you decide to stop taking any of your medicines.

7. Product details

This medicine is only available with a doctor's prescription.

What Funnel Web Spider Antivenom contains

Active ingredient (main ingredient)	125 units of Funnel Web Spider Antivenom
Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> glycine sodium chloride dibasic sodium phosphate monobasic sodium phosphate dihydrate
Potential allergens	<p>This product also contains substances from rabbit blood.</p> <p>The vial and all associated components do not contain natural rubber latex.</p>

What Funnel Web Spider Antivenom looks like

Funnel Web Spider Antivenom is a freeze dried powder contained in a vial. The contents of the vial are dissolved in sterile water before use. After adding water, the solution is colourless. The solution's clarity (clearness) can range from clear to slightly milky.

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Who distributes Funnel Web Spider Antivenom

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