



Tiger mosquito

(Prevent diseases)

The tiger mosquito (*Aedes albopictus*) is an invasive mosquito that comes from Asia and is between 2 and 10 mm tall. It doesn't breed in flowing waters (rivers) or in large water masses (pools or lakes). In the *Valencian Community* it is active all year with increased activity between May and November. Their habitat is outdoors and at courtyards on the walls or **near small clusters of still water** near human presence. It flies short distances, so if you suffer bites at home, probably you have an insect breeding just there. Citizens have an important role to prevent the proliferation of the tiger mosquito, since it's estimated that more than 90% of the places where it can breed are private.

The most effective preventive measure is to seek and eliminate the breeding sources in small water accumulations such as flowerpot saucers, flower vases, pets watering troughs, tires, plastic bottles, paint pots, etc. Keep pools clean and properly chlorinated.

In ponds and ornamental fountains, free fishes can devour larvae. They preferably bite at dusk and dawn, especially in the parts closest to the ground as the legs and feet. Bites rarely cause serious problems. Wash the affected area with soap and water or use ice for 10 minutes and avoid scratching the affected area. If symptoms persist or you feel sick, go to the doctor.

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