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Guys/Gals, for any of you who are new to the outdoors, ticks, mosquitos, etc., are especially bad, due to the mild winter we had. It's always a good idea to spray your clothes, paying special attention to collars, sleeve and pant cuffs.

I went for a casual walk at VC today, so I didn't have my treated clothing on and was in shorts, though I did have a hat on. Walked around for less than an hour. Damn if I wasn't sitting back at home working, when I felt a little bastard crawling up my back. Big tick, so not a deer tick, but still dangerous. I stripped down immediately and after inspecting the clothes, tossed them into the washer.

My brother turned me on to Permethrin a while ago and I spray my clothing with it, per the directions. When fishing, I don't spray that pants, since they're in my waders. Others can chime in on whether I should. I use the aerosol, but they also have a slightly cheaper spray bottle. I spray my hat, packs, etc. but it's NOT for use on your skin.

CathyG was telling about a similar product, but I honestly didn't have the bandwidth at the time to retain it. She must have thought I was a moron, with the blank stare on my face, but between HA, OldLefty, Chaz, and others, I was on information overload.

Anyway, my nephew was bit well over a year ago and his face is still affected by it. Not sure it will ever completely heal. So be careful.