

# **DON'T WING IT WITH MOSQUITOES**

Three stylized mosquitoes are illustrated. One is on the left, one is on the right, and one is in the top right corner. They have dark bodies, long legs, and white wings.

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# Lots of rain and warmer weather are the perfect breeding conditions for mosquitoes (mozzies).

This can mean more mozzies and an increased risk of the diseases they carry like Barmah Forest virus, Ross River virus, Japanese encephalitis and Murray Valley encephalitis.

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## COVER UP



Wear long, loose-fitting, light-coloured clothing and covered shoes outdoors.

## APPLY



Use mosquito repellents containing picaridin or DEET on all exposed skin.

## SCREEN UP



Cover all windows, doors, vents and other entrances with insect screens and repair any screens that are damaged.

## CLEAN UP



Remove stagnant water from around your home – even small pools in old tyres, pot plant trays, buckets and trailers.

For more information: [www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/protect-yourself-mosquito-borne-disease](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/protect-yourself-mosquito-borne-disease).