

Questions you may have about Indoor Residual Spraying:

How does spraying kill mosquitoes?

After a mosquito enters a house and bites someone it needs to rest. Spraying applies a small amount of insecticide to indoor walls and roofs; this insecticide is picked up by the resting mosquito. Within a day the mosquito will be dead and unable to spread malaria. Indoor Residual Spraying (IRS) is one of the best ways to protect your family from malaria by killing the mosquitoes that spread the disease.

Is it safe to have my house sprayed?

Yes. Only a small amount of insecticide is sprayed onto your walls: enough to kill mosquitoes but safe for people of all ages.

What can I expect after my house is sprayed?

You will still see mosquitoes after spraying; they only die once they have rested on the sprayed walls. You might also see the other household pests that have been forced out of their hiding places by the insecticide. Some insecticides will kill them, too.

Prevent Malaria

Kill mosquitoes



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Spraying your House Kills Mosquitoes

Protect your family from Malaria

Malaria, a preventable disease, is a leading cause of illness and death in Zambia. Having your house sprayed (Indoor Residual Spraying or IRS) every year is one of the best ways to kill mosquitoes and protect your family from malaria.

Prepare for your house to be sprayed:

1. Remove all water, food and cooking utensils from your house
2. Move furniture to the centre of the rooms and cover; this allows for easy access when spraying walls
3. Keep domestic animals and pets away during spraying

After your house has been sprayed:

1. After spraying is complete wait for at least two hours before entering your home; only enter when the walls are completely dry
2. When you do enter your home immediately open windows and doors
3. After spraying dispose of dead cockroaches, bed bugs or other insects by burying or in pit latrine
4. Seek medical attention in the event of serious skin irritation or other chemical reactions.
5. Do not paint or wash walls; this causes the chemical to lose its effectiveness



Thank you for doing your part to prevent malaria. Encourage your neighbors to have their houses sprayed, too!

Date your house will be sprayed: