# West Nile Virus

# Fight The Bite

## Avoid Mosquito Bites!

West Nile Virus Information Line:
1-877-333-WNV1 (9681)

- **Mosquitoes carry West Nile virus:**
  Severe illness can occur.
  Hospitalization and even death is possible.
- **Prevention:**
  DEET, Picaridin and oil of lemon eucalyptus-based repellents are EPA-approved, follow label instructions carefully. Cover up exposed skin when outdoors, particularly between dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active. Hunters should wear latex gloves when field dressing and handling dead wild game and cook meat thoroughly.
- **Reduce mosquito breeding sites:**
  Eliminate standing water in your yard.
  Empty birdbaths every week.
- **Keep mosquitoes out of your home:**
  Check and fix screens as needed.
- **Vaccinate your horses.**
  One-third of horses with West Nile virus can die.
- **Report dead birds** to the closest
  Idaho Department of Fish and Game Regional Office.

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