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Post: Humanely remove an insect



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Notes/warnings:

- This article is for removing it from one's body, not from a location (like an infestation)
- The maybe/no methods should be used with caution, as they may harm the insect
- By the same token, if the risk of using these methods is unreasonable or outweighs the benefits (like the insect being a severe danger to someone), then they won't help and other means might be more necessary.

Try:

- **best:** hold finger from another hand for it to walk on and when it's on, place it on another surface
- slide a flat sheet underneath to scoop it off
- let it walk on its own onto another surface
 - preferably bring it back to where it came from, so it walks off to there
- flies only: shine a larger light source outside the room it's in to get it out
- for flying insects - wait until it flies off
- explain to the insect what to do
- use non-lethal deterrents (on one's skin) and attractants (off one's body)

or

While it's on you:

- befriend it
- take a picture
- consider oneself lucky
- make a wish (for the animal and you)
- observe it
- show others (only if they're nice)
- help it out with what it needs

Prevention:

- stay away from areas filled with insects
- keep attractants away and use non-lethal deterrents to keep insects away

Last resort (and why):

- blowing - might blow it into something it can't get out of
- brushing - might accidentally injure it
- shoing - might scare them into shock



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