



← **Skunk**

There's a reason most skunks are brightly striped or spotted in white. The markings warn predators and people to keep away . . . or get a stinky shower.



← **Saddleback Caterpillar**

These colorful moth caterpillars look like they have a saddle on their backs and hairy horns on their ends. But if you touch those hairs, you'll feel just why they're so colorful. Ouch!



← **Coral Snake**

The brightly ringed coral snake is a shy creature that keeps away from humans. And that's a good thing! Its bite is extremely dangerous.



← **Velvet Ant**

The so-called velvet ant (or cow killer) isn't really an ant at all. It's a wasp. The female looks like an ant because she doesn't have wings. Her bright color is a warning—she does have a painful sting.



← **Hornet**

Those yellow or white stripes on hornets make most people run for cover. The insects have earned a reputation for a powerful sting. (Bonus fact: The stripes may also help some hornets get energy from the sun.)

**CAUTION! COLORFUL ANIMAL CROSSING**



← **Golden Dart Frog**

The scientific name for these tiny frogs (2 inches, or 5 cm, long) includes the Latin word for *terrible* or *horrible*. That's because just one golden dart frog packs enough poison to bring down two large elephants.



← **Black Widow**

One bite from the black widow spider can make your muscles cramp painfully for days. So, if you see a red hourglass on a black spider, make sure you keep your distance.



**Lionfish** →

With their long fin rays and bold markings, lionfish are popular in aquariums. But one sting from those rays can make a person sick for days.