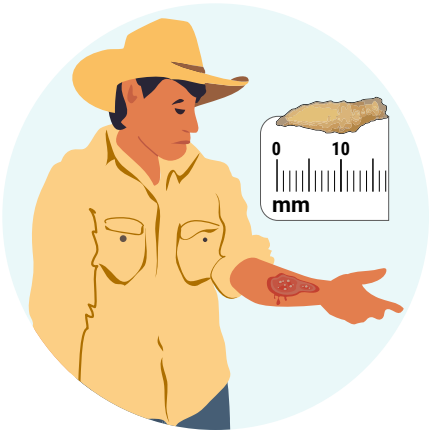
Stop New World Screwworm

New World screwworm (NWS) flies lay eggs in open wounds on animals and people. Their maggots eat living flesh, making wounds larger and more painful. Flies can lay eggs in wounds as small as a bug bite.

NWS is a danger to people and animals. Here's how you can help stop the spread of NWS:

Protect your skin.

- Clean and cover any cuts and wounds.
- Wear long-sleeved shirts, pants, socks, and hats to prevent bug bites.
- Wear bug repellent spray.
- Do not apply insecticide meant for use on animals to your skin.



Know the symptoms.

- Maggots in wounds or open sores
- Painful or stinky wounds that won't heal
- Movement or an itching sensation in the wound

Get help.

- Tell a supervisor if you see any sign of maggots in people or animals.
- Do not try to remove the maggots yourself.
- See a healthcare provider to get treatment right away if you think you have an NWS infestation.

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