

“Spider-Mania: Not in my House”



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Spiders! Apple's dictionary defines a spider as, an eight-legged predatory arachnid. Not me!

I personally define spiders as an unwanted intrusion found inside my house. One day I was

home alone, a rare occurrence for a homeschool mom. I was

getting my wood stove ready to give to a friend; we didn't really use it, so I knew they would utilize

it. I reached down with unsuspecting fingers, in the dark hollow space, beside the woodstove, when a slimy set of legs reached

me. Well, needless to say, the scream that filled the house,

outside our house, and down the street was actually... me.

I jumped back, pulled myself away and eventually got my breathing under control. I ran

for the laundry room, grabbed the Spider-killer and proceeded to spray it. After ten-minutes,

when my heartbeat returned to normal, the sweat evaporated, and my breathing settled down,

I cautiously advanced toward the offending woodstove. I gripped a tattered tissue firmly

in-hand to remove the offending creature. I flashed my flashlight into the dark hole, shuddering and slowly reached tentatively down to grab ...

a rubber covered 3-inch 8-legged toy! I  
cracked-up! Tossing it into the  
sink, I waited for the next  
unsuspecting child's discovery, and scream, later that night..