

Woman has boyfriend on speed dial for insect emergencies

Vocabulary

put on hold

crippling fear

to chuck

to be tense

Article

This Morning viewer Amy told the TV show's therapists that her life is put on hold whenever she sees a spider due to her crippling fear, and her boyfriend has to always be on call to come and kill the creepy-crawlies.

Lifting the lid on his spider killing duties, Amy's boyfriend said that he always has his phone close to hand so he can rush to help his girlfriend.

"I'm always on high-alert. If there's a spider in the room I have to catch it," he explained.

"I then have to show Amy that I've actually caught it, and that I've chucked it outside as far as possible. She'll still be tense, though, for a while after. I always have to check if she's alright."

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Quiz

1. Why does Amy's boyfriend have his phone close to hand?
2. What does he have to do after catching a spider?

Conversation

A: Gah!!! What's that? Something just ran under the sofa!

B: I'm sure it's nothing, probably just your imagination.

A: No, no! I swear I saw a spider or something. Oh my god, there it is again!

B: Wait... what?! Oh... it's just a bit of fluff!

Discussion

1. What insects do you find in homes in your country? Which do you dislike the most?
2. Are you afraid of anything? What other kinds of phobias are common?
3. Have you ever watched a scary movie or been in a haunted house?