



Gila monsters were first found in the Gila River basin of Arizona. It's where they get their name!

Gila monster glands make venom. Venom flows into open cuts.

Their venom makes victims sick. Victims feel pain. Their organs get damaged. They get cold sweats. They can't move.

## When Animals Attack!

Bees, wasps, and hornets are small. But they kill about 60 people a year in the U.S. They kill more people than sharks, crocodiles, and snakes combined. Some people die from shock because they're **allergic** to stings. Allergic means having a highly sensitive reaction to something. Only female bees and wasps sting. Honey bees can only sting once. Once they sting, they die soon after. Wasps can sting several times. Their stinger doesn't fall off after use. Wasps' stings usually wear off in a day. But some people react very badly. Wasp venom can kill some people. Hornet stings hurt the most. Like wasps, they can sting several times.