What Is Scabies?

- Scabies is a skin disease.
- It is caused by small insects that crawl under the skin.
- They can make you itchy.
How do you get Scabies?

You get Scabies from other people who already have Scabies. If you shake their hand or hug them you could get Scabies.
How do I know if I’ve got Scabies?

You will feel itchy and might get sores on your hands and other places on your body.
Can I get sick from Scabies?

- Scabies can make you very sick.
- Strep germs get in through the Scabies sores and can poison your blood. This can make your kidneys sick too.
Why are my Scabies worse than others’?

There are different types of Scabies. Ordinary and Crusted Scabies.

Ordinary Scabies infected with Streptococcus

Crusted Scabies
What should I do about it?

If you think you've got Scabies see a health worker, nurse or doctor. They can give you some Scabies medicine. If your Scabies is really bad you might need to go to hospital for medicine.
Can we make them stay away?

• Treat everyone in your house with the Scabies medicine. Make sure you wash all the clothes and sheets. Put your mattresses out in the sun. Give your house a good scrub.