

It's jellyfish season: Soothe the sting handy remedy — it's just \$1 a pop



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I live at the beach and, while that's pretty amazing no matter the time of year, hitting the shore right now can get a little dicey. Why? It's jellyfish season, and those suckers are taking out people left and right. Jellyfish tend to [prefer warmer water temperatures](#) and, with July being the [hottest month ever](#), many oceans are pretty hospitable to these stinging creatures right now. That's why I just stocked up on [Sting-Kill First Aid Anesthetic Swabs](#). These little treatments are the only thing I've tried that actually help take the pain away from jellyfish stings — and, right now, they're just \$1 a pop at



[Sting-Kill First Aid Anesthetic Swabs](#)

[\\$10](#)

This treatment is small and won't hog up space in your beach bag. It's also simple to apply: Just swab it on your sting for relief.

[\\$10 at Amazon](#)

I grew up at the beach and have heard (and tried) pretty much every jellyfish sting remedy out there — meat tenderizer, vinegar, tea... . While they've all done something to take the sting out, I've never gotten quick relief like I do with [Sting-Kill First Aid Anesthetic Swabs](#). I first discovered these after my son got stung while boogie-boarding. A friend whipped it out, we applied it and he was good as new within a minute. I bought my own pack after that and never go to the beach without it.

Since then, Sting-Kill has helped out nearly every person in my family — including my in-laws, who drove straight to my house from the beach after a particularly painful sting so they could use my stash. At just \$1 a treatment, it's kind of a no-brainer to have it handy.

Sting-Kill "contains a topical anesthetic called benzocaine, which relieves pain by anesthetizing the skin and decreasing local sensations, including pain and itching," explains Dr. [Gary Goldenberg](#), a board-certified dermatologist practicing in New York City. "It also contains menthol, which helps cool the skin, decreasing local inflammation," he adds.

Worth noting: Sting-Kill also works for bee stings.

It's also simple to toss in your bag and use. Each treatment comes in a single-use vial — just pop the inner glass casing, hold the swab so that it saturates the tip and apply it to your sting.

I'm not the only person who swears by this: Thousands of Amazon shoppers rave about how Sting-Kill helped save their day at the beach.

"This stuff is MAGIC! Apply it on stings and, within minutes, the pain is virtually gone," said a [five-star fan](#). A fellow [happy customer](#) shared this: "This is the only thing I've found that instantly kills jellyfish pain."

Plenty of reviewers say they bought Sting-Kill for the just-in-case — and ended up needing it. "Holy crap, it really does work," said a [beach-goer](#). "Nephew got stung by a jellyfish and I applied this and it worked for sure."

Can you hit the beach without a pack of Sting-Kill? Sure. But if you want to torpedo the odds that a jellyfish sting will ruin your beach trip, it doesn't hurt to toss a pack of these in your beach bag, just in case.

At under \$10 for a 10-pack, you can stock up on the cheap to help see you and your family through the rest of summer.

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If you have [Amazon Prime](#), you'll get free shipping, of course. Not yet a member? No problem. [You can sign up for your free 30-day trial here](#). (And by the way, those without [Prime](#) still get free shipping on orders of \$25 or more.)

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