

## **Harmful Activity of Bacteria**

Bacteria cause diseases in plants and animals, causing crops and livestock losses that impact humans indirectly. Bacteria also cause many human diseases. Disease-causing bacteria can enter human bodies through openings, such as the mouth. They are carried in air, food, and water and sometimes invade humans through skin wounds. Bacterial diseases harm people in two ways. The growth of the bacteria can interfere with the normal function of body tissue, or it can release a toxin that directly attacks the host.