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>If I reccollect correctly when witches where "discovered" back then,  
>they was either burned at the stake, or if the local townsfolk were  
>feeling VERY generous they just stoned the person out of town.

Burning at the stake was more of a European thing. If the executioner was feeling compassionate he might strangle the "witch" into unconsciousness before lighting the fire.

Here in the USA, we usually drowned witches. The idea was to submerge the unfortunate in water for a long time. If he or she drowned, then they were obviously innocent and could not use magic to save their lives. Often they were submerged and pulled out repeatedly until they proved their innocence by drowning.

As we became enlightened, we stopped killing "witches" and institutionalized them instead.

Today they are safe from most persecution, but pendulums do swing.

Bob

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