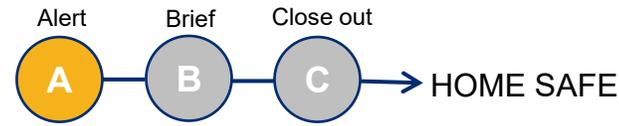


SHE ALERT

Multiple Wasp Stings



Date of incident	22 nd July 2025		Directorate	Operations SEPD	
Region	CMI	Location	Sonning Common, Reading	Classification	MTI
What happened ?					
<p>Our colleague was inspecting an LV pole next to a bush. To get a good view of the pole they were required to go into the bush. As they went into the bush, they disturbed a wasp's nest, and received up to 12 stings on their neck, head and hand.</p> <p>As they were a lone worker and they started to feel symptoms of shock, they followed procedures and informed their manager who went to site to assist the IP. They were taken to a walk-in centre where they were given antihistamine and steroid creams.</p> <p>This incident shows us the risk of insects during work activities and it is important to remember the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan – Make sure your skin is covered (long sleeves must be down and not rolled up), wear insect repellent to any exposed skin, if you are allergic to any insects make sure you also carry your medication. • Scan – before entering a work site scan the area, look out for signs of nests and common insects. • Adapt – Try to avoid any areas with insects identified but if you do get stung or bitten use the NHS website for any advice and use an ice pack wrapped in a cold cloth for 20 mins to areas that might be swollen. 					

