

safety alert

Bees and Wasps



The Issue

A number of reports have been received recently, regarding Bee & Wasp stings and the identification of Bee & Wasp nests in the work area.

Bees & Wasps usually pose no more than a nuisance, but they can be dangerous, especially if a nest is disturbed, or if people are allergic to their sting.

Legal Requirements

Destruction of Bees & Wasps and their nests is the responsibility of the property occupier/owner. Local Councils can assist land occupiers/owners to control Bees & Wasps by providing advice. On land such as parks, and road reserves, it is usually the Councils responsibility.

Immediate Actions Required

Where nest are located, remove personnel from the immediate area, and ensure the appropriate people are informed. It is recommended that a pest control professional be engaged to carry out Bee & Wasp control. Bee nests should be relocated where possible.

If Stung

If stings are on the neck, face, or in the mouth, **inform somebody and seek medical help immediately**. Stings in these places can make your throat rapidly swell up, cutting off air supply to your lungs. **Do not wait. Seek help immediately**. If you are stung on other parts of the body, putting cold pads and antihistamine cream on the sting will help reduce pain and swelling.

Persons who have known allergies to Bee & Wasp stings should make their immediate work colleagues aware of the allergy and the treatment required. They should also carry appropriate medication that can be used in the event of a sting.



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