

## ***Bee and Wasp Safety Tips***

1. **Wear** clean light colored clothing and bathe regularly as sweat may anger bees. Dark and bright colors may attract bees and wasps.
2. **Avoid:**
  - Flowering plants, when possible,
  - Swatting at bees and wasps flying around,
  - Areas where a buzzing noise is heard as there may be increased bee/wasp activity,
  - Removing/destroying hives or nests yourself,
  - Perfumed soaps and deodorants,
  - Scented shampoos, and
  - Bananas and banana scented items.
3. **Wear** a bee suit, hood, gloves, and boots when working with or in an area where bees/wasps are active. If a bee suit is not available, dress to cover as much of your body as possible.
4. **Keep** work areas clean of leftover food and trash.
5. **Check** for hives hanging from trees and eaves. Some wasps build their nests in the ground.
6. **If** attacked by multiple bees/wasps, run in a straight line and protect your head and eyes as much as possible. Some bees will continue pursuit for up to a quarter mile. Get indoors for protection.

**Note:** European honey worker bees will die once they have stung. Wasps can sting multiple times.
7. **Do NOT** jump into a body of water. Africanized honey bees will wait for you to surface to continue stinging.
8. **Should** bees/wasps enter your vehicle, calmly pull over and roll down all of the windows.