

SAFETY TALK

Wasp safety

It has been a particularly bad season for wasps, and some workers might be allergic to them. It's important to be prepared for any possible effects.

What is the danger?

Localized reactions include:

- Pain
- Redness
- Swelling
- Itching

Severe allergic reactions include:

- Hives, itching and swelling in areas other than the sting site
- Swollen eyes and eye lids
- Wheezing, tightness in the chest and difficulty breathing
- Hoarse voice
- Swelling of the tongue
- Dizziness
- Shock

These reactions can occur the first time you are stung or with subsequent stings. Watch for signs!

Protect yourself:

- Notify your employer if you have allergies to insect stings and keep an EpiPen on hand
- Keep the jobsite clean. Wasps are attracted to discarded food, make sure all leftovers go in the garbage and keep it covered
- Eliminate nests and hives if identified
- First aid personnel should be aware of the signs of a severe allergic reaction

Print and review this talk with your staff, sign off and file for COR™ / SECOR audit purposes.

Date: _____

Performed by: _____

Concerns: _____

Employee Name: _____

Supervisor: _____

Location: _____

Corrective Actions: _____

Employee Signature: _____

